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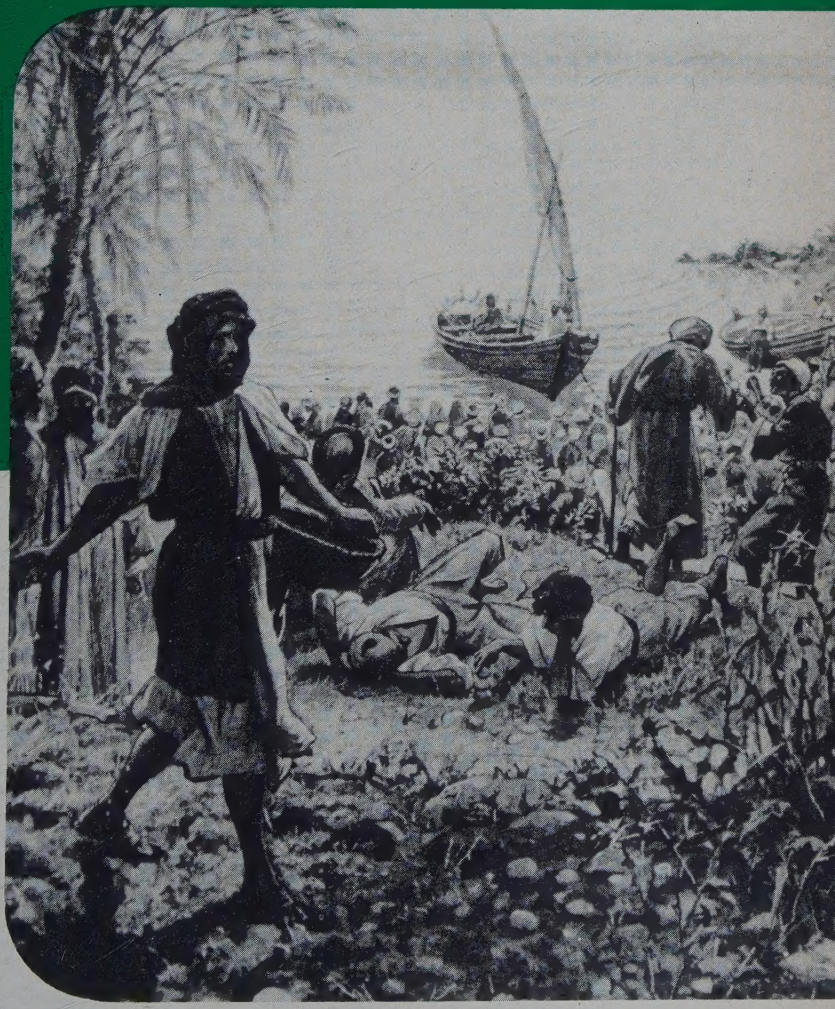

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Jesus taught the people from a ship

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"Can't Be Bothered"

"COME HERE, PASTOR" a nurse called to me as I came through the hospital corridor.

I entered the room which she indicated. There I saw a little girl, about nine years old, whose face was drawn until the cheek bones showed through the skin. Her eyes were sunken in the sockets. The little child appeared tired and care-worn. Yet she tried to smile.

"It looks like another malnutrition case," I remarked to the nurse. "Has the physician made a diagnosis?"

"That's what it is and that's why I thought it would interest you," the nurse answered. "The school nurse sent her here. She needs good food and loving care."

"What's your name?" I asked the little girl.

"My name's Joyce . . ." As she told me her name she tried to smile again.

Later I learned the whole story. She has a brother six years old. Her father has been earning about $100 a week. Her mother likes to run around, and left little Joyce to get meals for her brother and herself. It was a case of neglect in the search for pleasure.

Some time later I saw the nurse again and asked her about little Joyce. "She responded nicely," I was told, "especially to loving care. She seemed more starved for love and affection than for food."

IN THE SAME HOSPITAL I saw recently a child six months old, showing unmistakable signs of malnutrition. "The mother refused to feed it," the doctor explained. "Too much trouble. She wants to run around."

In my notebook I have written this: "It takes no brains to *become* a parent, but it takes a lot of intelligence plus the grace of God to *be* one."

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Funds allotted

Members of the United Lutheran Church set a new record in 1952 by contributing $4,640,528 for regular ULC apportionment. Although this was only about 89 per cent of the quota, it left the sum of $425,432 in "Part II" of the church's budget.

Since ULC budgets are made up two or three years in advance, "Part II" is provided for special situations and other urgent needs which may develop afterward.

As expected, home missions received the largest share of the money. The Allocation Commission and the Executive Board in joint session agreed that $254,547 should be given to the Board of American Missions. This will provide support for 16 fields entered by the board late in 1952 and also for workers who are now starting to organize missions in 10 other new fields. It will also allow the board to complete commitments made in 1952 for church extension loans to congregations planning to build.

For work in various fields, the Board of Foreign Missions received $75,000. Smaller grants were made to the Boards of Publication, Parish Education and Education.

ALLOCATION OF PART II RECEIPTS

Board of American Missions	$254,547.57
Board of Foreign Missions	75,000.00
Executive Board	51,134.61
Board of Publication	21,250.00
Board of Education	11,000.00
Board of Parish Education	10,000.00
American Bible Society	2,500.00
Total	$425,432.18

Survey of ULCA program

At the Seattle convention, delegates adopted a resolution asking the Executive Board to appoint a 16-man commission to study the organizational structure of the ULCA. No major changes in the organization of the church have been made since its establishment 35 years ago. Meanwhile, work of boards and agencies has grown and developed. Overlapping in some departments can probably be eliminated, with greater efficiency resulting in the work of the church.

With this in mind, the Executive Board last week named this important new commission. When they meet for the first time in late February at the call of ULCA President Franklin Clark Fry, they will find before them a deep pile of statements and memoranda from boards and committees explaining their function and set-up. The Executive Board's own "memorandum" covers more than 60 typewritten pages; the Publication Board's 32.

Members of the commission are:

CLERICAL

George B. McCreary	Minneapolis
Donald L. Houser	Pittsburgh
Russell Gaenzle	Albany, N. Y.
W. Carl Satre	Toledo, O.
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Lloyd Keller	Baltimore

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Fred Drinhaus	Chicago
Harry Isenhour	Salisbury, N. C.
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Rolf Dokmo	Park Ridge, Ill.
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WELCOMING DR. FRY AT NEW YORK AIRPORT
ames O'Brien, aide to city's mayor, extends official greeting to ULCA president

Robert Weller Philadelphia
Charles K. Woltz Charlottesville, Va.
Paul Palmquist Omaha, Nebr.

In selecting the commission, the Executive Board purposely avoided choosing members of official ULCA boards and committees. The commission will effect its own organization.

Honor for Dr. Fry

Returning to New York last week after a four-week trip to India, Dr. Fry learned of a new honor which is to come his way from the German Federal Republic. Dr. Theodor Heuss, president of the West German state, announced that its highest award, the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit, would be given to the ULCA President in recognition of the prominent part he has taken in church relief efforts in Germany. Dr. Fry is president of Lutheran World Relief, material aid agency of the Lutheran World Federation.

Formal presentation of the medal will take place on Feb. 13 at the German Embassy in Washington.

Dr. Fry visited India to attend a meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, of which he's vice chairman. He also spent a week on the ULCA's mission fields and conferred with officials of the Federation of Lutheran Churches of India.

LWA over the top

Last week the National Lutheran Council at its 35th annual meeting at Atlantic City announced successful completion of the 1952 Lutheran World Action campaign. Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director, reported that the eight church bodies participating in the cooperative program contributed a total of $2,954,108 which represents 101.87 per cent of the $2.9 million goal. Seven of the groups reached or surpassed their quotas, including the United Lutheran

Church which attained 102.5 per cent.

During the past 12 years LWA appeals have raised nearly $34 million for emergency activities at home and abroad, Dr. Empie said. 1953 goal is $2.6 million.

Lutheran World Action is likely to become a permanent part of the church's program, Dr. Empie predicted. He foresaw a gradual increase in the quotas "to undergird the healthy development of the ongoing global program" of the church. Orphaned missions need increasing subsidies, he said, and the refugee situation "has not eased." He also noted that the organization of various new departments by the Lutheran World Federation makes it necessary "to think in terms of increasing contributions in the years ahead."

Gains in Latin America

Lutherans are gaining a foothold in Latin America, said Dr. Stewart W. Herman in his first report to the NLC as head of its work in South and Central America. "A new and distinctive segment of world Lutheranism" is emerging there, according to his report.

"It will include a colorful mixture of races and nations, ranging from the Bolivian Indian to the Baltic displaced person, from the old German settlers to Norwegian seamen, but it will have Luther's Catechism and the battle hymn of the Reformation as its common denominator," he declared.

Work has been aided or organized in Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia and Uruguay through the NLC. The United Lutheran Church maintains mission fields of its own in British Guiana and Argentina. Other Lutheran bodies also conduct separate work in South American lands. Surveys of Chile, Peru and Ecuador have revealed need for Lutheran pastors in those countries.

SERVICE FOR SKIERS

Worshipers at Episcopal Church of St. Francis of the Birds in Quebec stack their skis in snow before entering chapel

Progress in Colombia

Discussing Colombia, where persecution of Protestants has been frequently reported lately, Dr. Herman emphasized that "despite the difficult religious atmosphere, our work has flourished."

Services of the Lutheran congregation in Bogota are attended by an average of 300 worshipers. German and Swedish services are held also in the cities of Cali, Medellin, Barranquilla and Cartagena. Plans are under way for the building of a church in Bogota.

Clean up New York?

New York City has "fallen upon evil days" said Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan. Observers were quick to agree. Two of the city's last five

nayors fled to evade investigations. Inquiries had uncovered vice rings and widespread racketeering, especially along the waterfront. The overcrowded capital of the world was at the mercy of a small handful of men. An elevator strike, transportation tie-up or even a garbage collectors' walkout could paralyze the teeming metropolis. Slums, overcrowded schools and lack of adequate police protection were cited by the bishop in his outcry.

"The situation is a menace to our whole nation, for dishonesty, incompetence and corruption in our cities sends its poison through all the arteries of our national life," Dr. Donegan declared.

As a remedy, religious leaders of the city should band together—Christian and Jewish—"so that the spiritual leadership of the city may more fully assert itself. The church has not risen to the challenge" of the evils in public affairs. While religious groups should not become political parties, it was their duty to "condemn civic unrighteousness" and urge necessary action.

Protestant and Jewish clergymen and the newspapers rallied to the bishop's call. Roman Catholic leaders, who recently caused some unrest by threatening to withdraw from New York's Welfare and Health Council if a Planned Parenthood Group was permitted to become a member, did not comment on the bishop's proposal.

Polish priest to die

After a six-day trial at Cracow, Poland, one Roman Catholic priest and two laymen were sentenced to death on charges of spying for the United States and engaging in black market currency deals. Another priest was given a life sentence, while two other priests and a layman received lesser terms.

During the trial, efforts were made to implicate Roman Catholic Bishop Stanislaw Rospond and Archbishop Eugene Baziak. Communists claimed throughout the trial that high church authorities had aided the defendants. The four clerical

WASHINGTON SERVICE ASKS BLESSING ON NEW ADMINISTRATION

Lutheran Pastor Frederick E. Reissig, Episcopal Bishop Angus Dun and Russian Orthodox Bishop Jonah participated in Federation of Churches observances at Washington Cathedral in connection with the inaugural ceremonies

defendants were members of the archdiocesan chancery staff.

The Catholic newspaper *Il Quotidiano* in Rome said the trial was "a monotonous repetition of all anti-Catholic trials in countries beyond the Iron Curtain."

Polish Catholics regarded the trial as a way of preparing the people for a future case against the bishop and archbishop on treason charges. Archbishop Baziak has been reported under arrest for several weeks. Reports from London said that when crowds gathered around the Cracow cathedral to demonstrate against the archbishop's presumed arrest, Red police dispersed them with gunfire, killing and wounding several.

Change sought in Mexico

Since the early 1920's, Mexico's Roman Catholics have been barred from establishing parochial schools or engaging in other religious education. The law resulted from the anti-clerical attitude of the Calles regime.

Last week the first National Congress of Catholic Culture met at Guadalajara and heard a call for repeal of all anti-church laws. Spokesmen urged the establishment of a Catholic University of Mexico and lower schools of all types throughout the land.

Fifteen bishops and archbishops attended the congress, the first public meeting of Roman Catholic leaders on a national basis since the Mexican revolution.

In recent years, authorities have ceased to enforce strictly the anti-church laws, but while the constitutional ban on religious education remains in effect no schools can be started. The announced purpose of the congress was to intensify religious teachings in Mexico. There has recently been a quiet development of church-and-state reconciliation.

Improvement in race relations

Important affirmative actions have been taken during the last 10 years toward improving race relations, the National Council of Churches said in its message prepared for Race Relations Sunday. There's much more to be done. "We must, at this very moment, give tangible evidence of our unwavering commitment to do away with discrimination and segregation," the message said.

Churches have taken action to wipe out lynching and mob violence, pressed for the elimination of segregation and worked with employer groups, unions and professional organizations to establish employment practices based on skill and character rather than race, color, or national origin, the statement said.

Despite this improvement, "dangerous cleavages divide our human family," the Council said. "From the resulting suspicions and dissensions, catastrophe could strike with lightning suddenness."

Ministers probed

A group of Pennsylvania ministers protested to Governor John S. Fine that they were being probed by state police as "suspected subversives" because they had been demanding a crime investigation in their area.

The clergymen represented 700 members of the United Commission for Social Action formed in 1950 in Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette counties. Their aim was to "end the indifference of public officials to violations of laws respecting the numbers racket, gambling and prostitution." Since December, officials and prominent members of the commission have been subjected to questioning by police who imputed to the ministers "sympathy with the Communist causes," they said. The governor promised to investigate.

TRAILER CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Mobile chapel will be used to reach Christians in new areas where no church building is available for services

Adventists receive gift

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is now the owner of Harris Pine Mills, Inc., of Pendleton, Oregon, the largest maker of unfinished furniture in the world. The property is valued at from $8 to $10 million. The business employs 700 workers and operates assembly plants at Chicago Heights, Illinois; Alexandria, Virginia; and Cleburne, Texas. It owns 0,000 acres of timber land in Oregon.

The gift was made to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Harris. Mr. Harris said, "We decided years ago that the Bible meant what it said. Tithing has always been a basic tenet of our faith. We have tried to be faithful in our dealings with the Lord and He has given us far more than we deserve. Now we are giving our entire business to Him."

The Harris factory was started in 1913. Church officials said they would continue to operate the business.

And so forth

Goal of 1953's "One Great Hour of Sharing" appeal will be $7 million to finance overseas relief and reconstruction programs. Lutheran World Action is co-operating in the annual appeal, scheduled this year for Sunday, March 8. Total LWA goal this year is $2,600,000 —representing more than one-third of the entire total sought by the 25 participating church groups.

A bill to make Good Friday a legal holiday in New York State was introduced early this year in the state legislature. A similar measure died in committee last year.

Membership in the Church of England cannot be defined, according to a London court ruling. The decision was made in the case of a will which specified that the legatee must be "a member of the Church of England and an adherent to the doctrine of that church." The court said this might mean almost any parishioner who had rights of baptism, marriage and burial. It could also mean one who was a regular churchgoer and on the parish roll. The quality of anyone's adherence to church doctrine cannot be measured, the judge added.

A religious survey in Indianapolis, Indiana, revealed that about 350,000 of Marion County's 551,000 residents are members of a church or synagogue. Only 72,000 persons admitted that they are neither communicants nor members of any church or synagogue. About 5,000 refused to give information to the census takers. More than 11,000 census takers, representing Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups, took part in the survey.

World News Notes

Three wars in Asia

Nearly three million men are embroiled in three "hot" wars now being fought in Asia, according to reports at the start of this year.

Largest armed force is in Korea, where about one-half million UN forces face one million Communists. In Indo-China, 400,000 anti-Communist troops are arrayed against 350,000 Communists. Both native troops and French regulars are engaged in the battle against the Communists here. In Malaya the odds are quite different, with 330,000 anti-Communist troops available against the 5,000 Communist guerillas who despite their small number are causing a great deal of trouble.

Although there's no "official" war going on between Chinese Red and Nationalist forces, hostilities could be set into motion by some very small event. Large Communist armies in the mainland are separated only by the 50-mile Straits of Formosa from the Nationalist forces on that island. The Nationalists also hold other small islands off the coast. The turbulent, stormy waters of the strait were until recently patrolled by American planes and surface vessels.

Refugees swamp West Berlin

Anti-Jewish actions by the Communist governments in eastern Europe have caused a flood of refugees to pour into West Berlin. Officials said that during one week in January more than 5,800 East Germans had entered the zone of freedom which is under western control. The total number of arrivals for the month of January was well above 20,000.

The Bonn government has promised aid for the hard-pressed city officials who lack means to care for such an influx. Some will be conveyed by air to refugee camps in West Germany. Others, whose non-Communist record is not clear or cannot be established, are not acceptable in the West German Zone.

Fear on the campus

A highly undesirable philosophy of fear has developed on the American college scene, Dr. Carroll Newsom, associate commissioner of education for New York State, told an American College Public Relations Association convention last week.

Faculty members are reluctant to discuss controversial issues, for fear of being labeled "red" or "pink," the administrator said. They tend to stay in the middle of the road, playing it cautiously and safely. Such unwillingness to "stick your neck out," the speaker added, is proving harmful to the growth of scholarship in higher education.

Dutch renounce aid

In the years after World War I, little Finland won the plaudits of the world for its plucky repayment of a heavy burden of war debt and reparations.

No such sacrifice has appeared after World War II until last week, when Holland decided to renounce any further dollar grants. Since the end of the war, the Dutch have received about $1 billion from the U.S. through Marshall Plan aid for reconstruction and rebuilding of industry. Netherlands economy has improved to the point where direct aid is no longer needed. The Dutch will however ask the U.S. to help provide a more permanent solution of the Western Europe economic problems by lowering barriers to imports and by expanding U.S. purchases abroad.

DULLES IN EUROPE

As JOHN FOSTER DULLES plunges into the demanding job of guiding U.S. foreign affairs, his long familiarity with world conditions will be a valuable tool. The cutting edge to this tool will be provided by his current tour of European capitals.

In the interval between Eisenhower's election and his inauguration, the U.S. government marked time on many important issues. But Europe did not stand still. Changes in attitude took place there which will demand the prompt attention of the new administration.

Unity jeopardized

In the past few years, remarkable strides were made toward co-operation among the countries of western Europe. The Schumann plan launched an unprecedented pooling of economic resources, with France, Western Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg merging their rights in the production and distribution of coal and steel. These six countries signed a treaty, still unratified, to form a united European army. They even considered political federation in a sort of "United States of Europe."

In recent months, however, this whole movement toward European unity has hit sharp snags. The main friction has been in France, where the idea originated. As they moved closer to federation, the French began to fear that the new alignment would be dominated by Germany. Scars of World War II were still fresh enough that the French were afraid to encourage the return of German militarism. Arguments over control of the Saar intensified their fears.

The tensions helped to bring about a change in government. The new premier, Rene Mayer, was approved only by winning the support of the German-baiting DeGaullists. While still claiming to favor Franco-German co-operation, Mayer pacified the rightists by promising to add certain reservations to the European army treaty. He also agreed to seek an agreement on control of the Saar, before bringing up the army treaty for ratification.

Meanwhile, the same treaty ran into rough sledding in Germany. The constitutionality of committing German youth to an international army was challenged and taken to the courts. The Saar question touched an open nerve in German public opinion. Adenauer's leadership was challenged by neo-Nazis on one hand and socialists on the other.

The German premier came under further pressure regarding the peace contract. Many Germans would like to get rid of the clause which entitles the Allies to intervene in Germany in case of internal trouble. The showdown will come when Adenauer asks for the ratification of the peace contract and the European army treaty sometime in February.

But our closest ally is becoming restive under the need for continuing American aid, with corresponding dependence on American decisions. Churchill is pressing for a fuller partnership with the U.S. in the making of major policy decisions in world affairs.

These are some of the problems Dulles faces in his new job. Returning from personal consultation with European leaders, he will report fully to Eisenhower. Together they will plot the course of American diplomacy for the crucial months ahead. Being Christians, they will ask God for wisdom and courage. And they will need them.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

Religion of intellectuals is more likely to turn to mysticism than Christianity

By REINHOLD NIEBUHR

A PRINCETON PROFESSOR recently shocked the religious world by an essay in which he sought to prove that science invalidated religion. He has now written a book[1] in which he affirms that, while science may analyze the natural order, the mystic experience penetrates to the eternal rather than the temporal dimension of existence. Science and religion are therefore not incompatible.

The book will be received with appreciation by many, but it indicates an interesting trend among intellectuals which will seem significant from the standpoint of the Christian faith, whether it is Aldous Huxley or Professor Stace. When intellectuals become religious they are more likely to embrace mysticism than Christianity.

The former affirms the reality of the eternal world but it insists that nothing specific can be affirmed about it, as the definitions are all negative. They say what God is not. "To name God is to blaspheme Him," declared a renowned mystic. The Christian faith on the other hand "names" God and declares that the mystery of the divine, while inscrutable to human intelligence, is disclosed by historical events in which God reveals his character, will, and purpose.

CHRISTIANITY, in short, is a historical-dramatic religion in which the ultimate truth is revealed in a drama in the course of history. It is to be distinguished from those religions and philosophies which discern the ultimate truth in some structure of nature or reason, or in some unfathomable mystery.

It is naturally not as "rational" as these other faiths but that is not to say that it is irrational. The ultimate verification of the truth of the Christian faith depends upon the ability of our faith to illumine everything which pertains to the realm of personality, whether human or divine.

In the realm of persons, verification is different than in the realm of things. Persons relate themselves to each other by faith and love and not by being fitted into some scheme or system. In the realm of persons unique events and attitudes are dramatically correlated. In the realm of things there is no room for unique events but only for events which follow inevitably and necessarily from the essential nature of those things.

THUS IN A scientific age the Christian faith is embarrassed because it is rooted in a unique historical event, the coming of Christ. And it affirms God's freedom as a person, while scientific and philosophical speculation never reaches to the point of affirming the selfhood of God. We have, in fact, the ironic circumstance that the God we know purely by our reason is something less than God because he is an impersonal divinity. "If thou canst comprehend Him," declares St. Augustine, "He is not God."

[1] *Religion and the Modern Mind,* by W. T. Stace.

He'll Serve His Own People

By GEORGE STRALEY

Seminary student from British Guiana will fulfill seven-year ambition when ordained to the Lutheran ministry next year

SEVEN YEARS is a long time to live with an ambition.

In that time, even a burning purpose can grow cold, a bright vision can become tarnished, and the steadiest target can waver and grow dim, especially in new and fascinating surroundings.

But John Parkinson has held out for six years, and there's every reason to believe he'll be holding out just as strongly at the end of the seventh—next year. The dream he has been nourishing all that time will still be unaltered and intact.

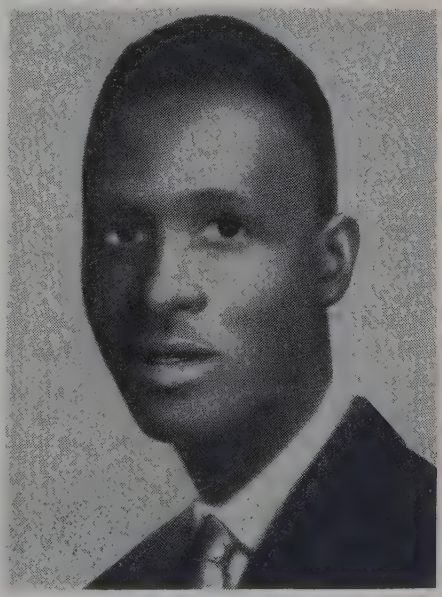
Parkinson is a student at Philadelphia Seminary, due to graduate next year. His dream is to return to his native British Guiana to become a Lutheran pastor—the fourth such native minister in that sparsely populated South American country.

IT WON'T BE EASY, Parkinson concedes. For one thing, there are many appealing facets to the way of life in the United States for a young man born in a region where jungles and "swamp savannas" predominate. For another, there is clear-cut opportunity for young Lutheran pastors in the United States—even in Philadelphia, Parkinson has found, where he is supplying his services to the Church of the Annunciation, currently without a pastor.

Weighing these two aspects—the attractiveness of a career in the United States, and the genuine need that exists here for his talents—it wouldn't be difficult for John Parkinson to reconcile the scuttling of his original ambition. But the church in British Guiana need have no qualms; this young man isn't changing his mind.

"I see the need here," he says, and then adds simply. "But the need back home is greater."

SOME OF HIS determination undoubtedly stems from an awareness of his distinction. He's the first man of African descent to be selected by the Lutheran Church in British Guiana for training in the United States, and for eventual commission as a national pastor.



JOHN PARKINSON

There are three national pastors at present in British Guiana: the Rev. Hector Magalee; his brother, the Rev. Patrick Magalee, and the Rev. Aubrey Bowen. It was Pastor Bowen who arranged for Parkinson to study for the ministry. The youth had been working in Georgetown, British Guiana's capital city, as a bookkeeper and accountant for a commercial firm, having prepared himself for such work by supplementing his grade-school education with night-school courses. His interest in the church was conspicuous, however, and he had been active in the establishment of one of the first Lutheran congregations in Georgetown.

Pastor Bowen arranged for John Parkinson to come to the United States and enter Lincoln University near Oxford, Pa. There, in addition to proving a good student, he learned to play the cornet and landed a berth in the school band. He also played soccer and cricket, formed some durable friendships, and graduated, after four years, at a commencement ceremony where "I felt myself to be the loneliest person in the world." Then he entered Philadelphia Seminary, to begin the three-year course that, by 1954, will fit him for his career.

HE'S BEEN HOME only once. That was a little over a year ago, to be reunited briefly with his mother, brother and sister. His father died two years ago. His visit in no way changed his resolve to serve there after his ordination.

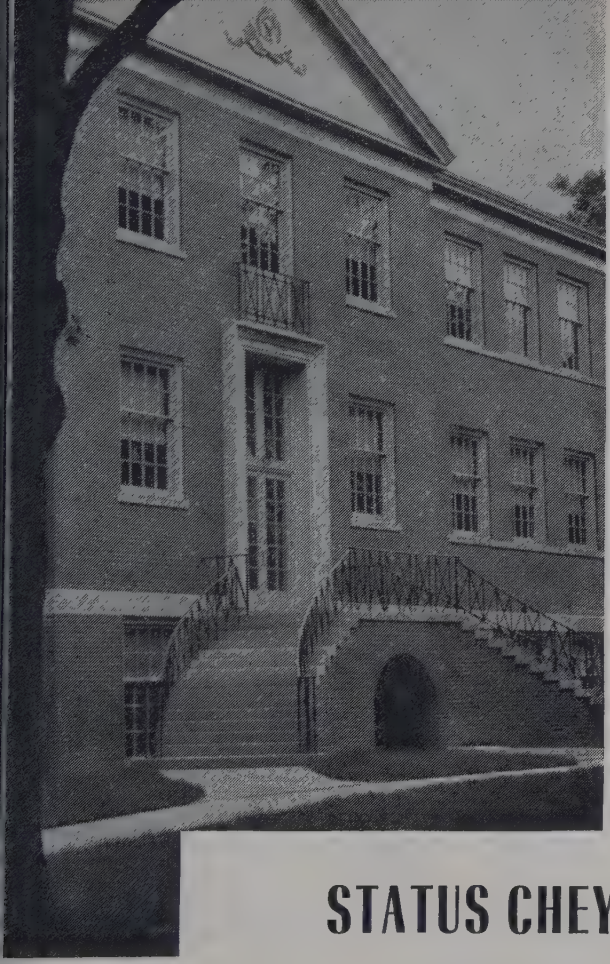
"The church and the population have both grown greatly in British Guiana during recent years," Parkinson says. "There is a great need for expanded church activity, and there is a vast opportunity in the field of religious education. The position of the Lutheran church is particularly healthy. I am optimistic about the future of the church in my country, and I want to work with it."

British Guiana, with an area about like that of England, has a polyglot population of less than 400,000, consisting of Europeans, Chinese, Portuguese, Africans and East Indians. They represent many different faiths and varied racial backgrounds. To labor for any one church in so heterogeneous a climate would appear to be a task much more arduous than that of being a pastor in the United States.

JOHN PARKINSON recognizes this. He also recognizes that the segregation factor so tangible in this country is virtually non-existent in his homeland. He has had his impacts with segregation here. One summer between college terms he worked on a Great Lakes steamer. Another time he worked in a camp operated by the University of Pennsylvania. More recently he has worked in a restaurant in Waverly, N. Y. Time and again he has been put to disadvantage by the color of his skin, and although he has not been embittered by his experiences, he will welcome a return to the less prejudiced atmosphere of British Guiana.

"Back home," he says, "I don't anticipate any problems of race. At any rate, the people of our Lutheran church, regardless of what race they belong to, will not discriminate. If a minister is properly trained, properly authorized, his race doesn't matter. The people will listen to him."

And the people will listen to John Parkinson. He's sure of that, and he looks forward confidently to the completion of his seminary career, and to the call he is certain will then come from the Lutheran Church in British Guiana.



Susquehanna University's Bogar Hall cost $100,000

STATUS CHEY

By RICHARD T. SUTCLIFFE

"To obtain funds for the substantial strengthening of ULCA colleges and seminaries," the United Lutheran Church, in 1950, launched a Christian Higher Education Year appeal for $6,000,000. This week, with cash receipts topping the six-and-a-half-million-dollar mark and pledges for a million dollars more, the church colleges and seminaries can point to new dormitories, libraries, chapels, as well as improved facilities as the direct result of CHEY. This week "The Lutheran" looks at the difference CHEY made on college campuses. Next week: our seminaries.

WAGNER College's CHEY money went into Guild Hall which cost $450,000 to complete

BACK IN THE MID-FORTIES, United Lutherans faced the fact that something had to be done for their church-related colleges and seminaries. Growing competition from well-endowed and state-supported institutions of higher learning made action by the church imperative if its educational program was to succeed.

In 1946, delegates to the Cleveland ULCA convention approved a Christian Higher Education Year appeal "to obtain funds for the substantial strengthening of our colleges and seminaries." Two years later the ULCA set 1950 as the year when CHEY, as it was popularly known, would attempt to raise six million dollars for the 14 ULCA colleges and nine seminaries.

In the spring of 1950, the wheels of a massive effort began turning. Mass

THIEL College's Men's Dorm will cost $350,000 to build; CHEY helped pay the bill

HEY helped build Hanson Hall, dormitory for girls, on GETTYSBURG College campus

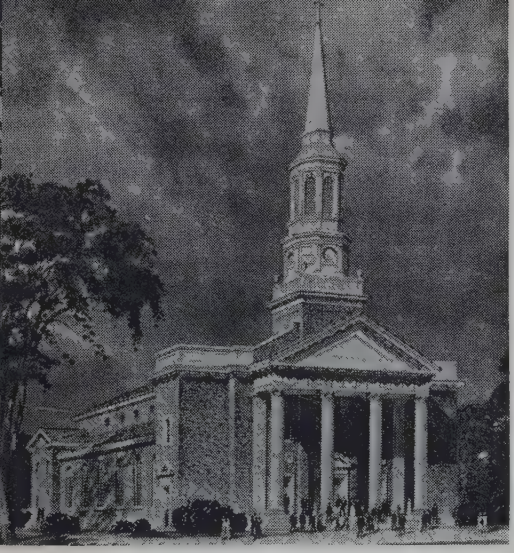
heetings, area conferences and steering essions were held. The entire church uickly learned the whys and wherefores f CHEY. By April, congregations were onditioned for the big appeal.

The full story of CHEY can never be ritten . . . no one person knows how ard many people worked. In the words f one ULCA leader, "there was striking vidence of the loyalty, solidarity and neness of spirit of the United Lutheran hurch."

Within two years, the $6 million goal had been overpledged by better than a million; five million had been realized in cold cash warmed by the spirit of its contributors.

Today—three years older and six and a half million dollars richer—14 ULCA colleges are beginning to utilize and enjoy the fruits of CHEY. In these and the following pages, THE LUTHERAN shows what Christian Higher Education Year has meant to the 14 ULCA college cam-

irst $180,000 from CHEY went into LENOIR RHYNE's Fritz Hall, a men's dormitory



GETTYSBURG's Christ Chapel

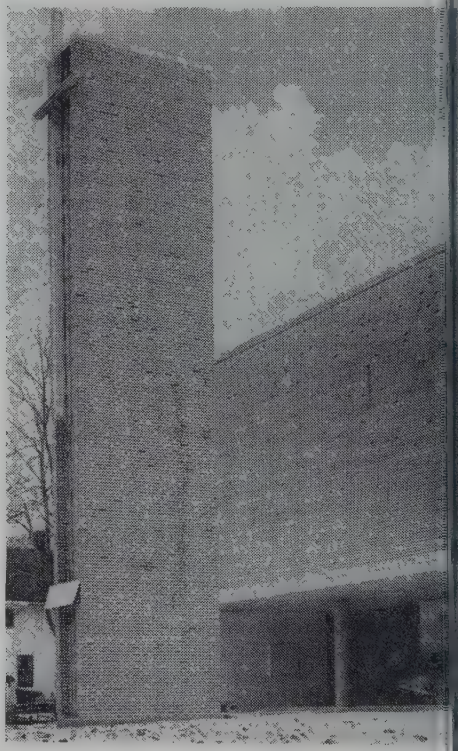
puses across the United States and Canada. A similar survey of the seminaries will appear shortly.

CARTHAGE—Carthage has received nearly $350,000. All CHEY money has been channeled into the new half-million dollar Chapel-Music Hall.

HARTWICK—Thanks to an individual's generous gift of $177,000 channeled through CHEY, Hartwick College received close to $390,000. As a direct result, the new 600-seat chapel wing of the Religion and Arts Building will be dedicated June 7.

GETTYSBURG—Close to $400,000 has been received so far through the appeal. All this has been used to help build Hanson Hall, girls' dormitory, and the new Christ Chapel currently nearing completion.

LENOIR RHYNE—Because its supporting synod (North Carolina) oversubscribed its $144,000 goal by raising more than $360,000, Lenoir Rhyne used its CHEY funds to build a new dormitory costing $180,000, a president's hom costing $60,000. Still to be bulit are music building and an auditorium. Abou $100,000 is left in CHEY funds for thes items.

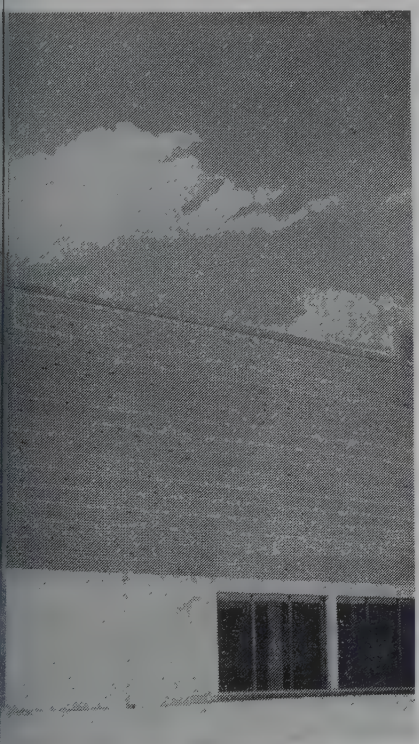


Nearly three-fourths of CARTH

MIDLAND—Of the $295,000 tha CHEY netted Midland College, $73,00 was used to pay off indebtedness, $90,00 for repairs to buildings and rebuilding central heating plant. From the $130,00 balance on hand a new library, now i the blueprint stage, will be built.

MARION—Marion realized $55,000 About $7,000 was used to install a sprinkler system in the entire college plant. Remaining $48,000 is earmarked for new music building.

Muhlenberg—Half a million dollars ne to Muhlenberg through CHEY. lf of this has been used to renovate its ler house, East Hall dormitory, fire ection system, remodeling of dorm



Music Hall came from CHEY funds

throoms. Library stacks, and an ele- tor were installed in the library. 00,000 went to bond reduction.

Newberry—All CHEY funds ($142,- 00) were used in building one of the ost modern libraries in the south. A ncerted effort will be made to raise the 38,000 to complete payment for the 180,000 structure.

Roanoke—With the help of $80,000 om CHEY, Roanoke purchased the irst Methodist Church, parish hall and arsonage. Church will soon become college chapel, educational building will become library, parsonage is the residence of the dean.

Susquehanna—With $200,000 on hand when CHEY started, $100,000 of CHEY funds helped build $300,000 classroom building. The $75,000 left of CHEY funds is nucleus for a new music building and an addition to the library.

Thiel—CHEY produced $258,000 for Thiel, all of which was applied toward $350,000 men's dormitory that will house 126 students, be ready for occupancy this fall.

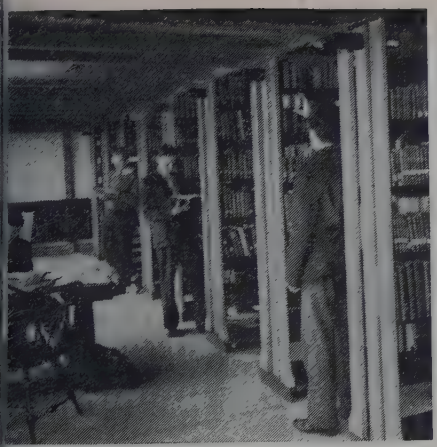
Wagner—CHEY came through with $350,000 for Wagner. All the money was applied toward cost ($450,000) of new girls' dorm, Guild Hall. An additional (community) drive netted Wagner $100,000 which was used in building a new gymnasium.

Waterloo—Canada Synod's college received $296,000, all of which went into the new Teaching and Administration Building, which will cost $420,000

ROANOKE's Converted Chapel

CHEY funds weren't enough to build this new $180,000 library on the campus o Newberry College in South Carolina. CHEY money so far has amounted to less tha $143,000, so college must collect an additional $38,000 before final bill can be pai

MUHLENBERG used nearly half of its CHEY allocation to renovate its Boiler House



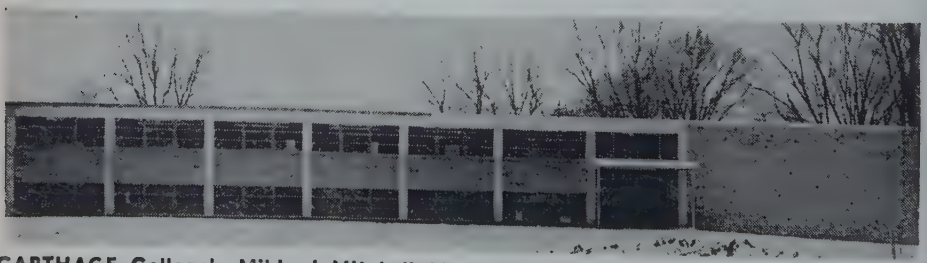
HEY made possible the addition of new acks, shelving and an elevator to the UHLENBERG College library. These im- rovements cost $32,300. CHEY paid the ill, along with other additions on the llentown, Pennsylvania, campus

ROANOKE College used its CHEY money to purchase property of First Methodist Church, just off the Salem, Va., campus. This former parsonage is now the residence of the college dean, is affectionately as "the deanery"

nterior of MUHLENBERG Boiler House (see exterior opposite) has spic-span look

LENOIR RHYNE President Voigt R. Cromer lives in this $60,000 home, built by CHEY. Major portion of cost was special CHEY gift of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Eckard, designated for a president's home. North Carolina Lutherans oversubscribed CHEY by 300 per cent

MARION College, after spending Virginia Synod's CHEY contribution of $7,000 for new sprinkler system, intends using $48,000 from Special Aid Fund towards this new Music Building in near future. College is the United Lutheran Church's only junior college



CARTHAGE College's Mildred Mitchell Music Hall, a wing of the chapel-auditorium (see pages 18-19), gives speech and music departments office-classroom-rehearsal hall under one roof. Entire building will exceed CHEY receipts ($429,250) by $100,000

MUHLENBERG College spent nearly $100,000 ($94,846) to renovate East Hall dormitory. Work included rewiring, asphalt tile floors installed, a fire-detection system put into operation, bathrooms remodeled

ROANOKE College will use this educational unit of former Methodist church as a library, moving books and stacks from old library, which will then be remodeled and renovated to house planned student center

when finished. Actual construction is expected to start this spring.

WITTENBERG—With the help of a $100,000 advance credit, CHEY meant $781,000 to Wittenberg. Money was used for debt reduction, and a start on the new chapel-library soon to be erected on campus.

As THE LUTHERAN went to press (Feb. 1) ULCA Comptroller Carl Worden said latest figure on CHEY's cash receipts was $6,555,271.19—111 per cent of the original goal of $6,000,000. With another million dollars outstanding in pledges, many synods were encouraging their congregations to follow through.

WATERLOO College's proposed Teaching and Administration Building will cost $420,000. It'll be paid for through CHEY's $168,000, $128,000 from Special Aid Fund, plus other funds from Canada Synod. Also on construction schedule: dining hall and kitchen

A Pastor Came from Cleveland

By NORMA PETERSON KERN

Hungarian Lutherans in Venezuela called a pastor from America and now he serves a Swedish congregation, too

THE SMALL BAND of Hungarian Lutheran refugees in the South American city of Caracas thought they would never have a pastor. Under lay leadership they had held together since 1949, holding monthly worship services and a weekly Sunday school. Through the efforts of two lay preachers, Dr. Nyerges and Dr. Harcsar, they continued to meet together with the hope that eventually a pastor could be found to serve them.

When the National Lutheran Council sent Pastor Fred W. Kern to Venezuela in 1951 to investigate the spiritual needs of the Lutheran immigrants there, he was met with an urgent appeal from the Hungarians for help in securing a pastor.

Contact was made with the Rev. George Posfay, who was then serving as assistant pastor in the First Hungarian Lutheran Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Pastor Posfay expressed interest in the unusual call and steps were begun to secure permission for his entry into Venezuela.

THIS BECAME A PROBLEM involving endless complications. The little group, however, remained hopeful that he could soon come. Weeks and months dragged on. Every possible effort to secure the necessary papers was being made both in Caracas and in New York. Hopes would be raised only to be dashed again to the ground. Dr. Nyerges continued to conduct services but at last he, too, became discouraged.

One morning in late August 1952 Pastor Kern received a call from the U.S. Embassy asking him to call on Ambassador Fletcher Warren. During his stay in Caracas, Mr. Kern had frequently sought the help of Mr. Warren and not only had he received courteous attention and help but also friendship. Knowing that at one time Mr. Warren had served in the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, and that he possessed a great sympathy and affection for the Hungarian people, Pastor Kern once visited him with a delegation of the Caracas Hungarian Lutherans. The call from the Embassy might have to do with any of a half dozen matters—but imagine Pastor Kern's delight when Mr. Warren told him a visa for Pastor Posfay had been granted by the Venezuelan government. When the good news was told to Dr. Nyerges and the Hungarians they could scarcely believe it. In fact, they wondered whether it could actually be true, or whether perhaps this too might not fall through.

Pastor Posfay arrived in Caracas on Sept. 12, 1952. Pastor Kern, Dr. Nyerges and others were at the airport to greet him. Tears of joy were in the eyes of all and hearts were praising God as the small delegation shook the hand of the tall, handsome young pastor.

Since he arrived on a Friday evening, it was hardly possible for the committee to contact all the Hungarians for a Sunday service. Even so, more than 50 gathered at the little church for this first

vice, which was followed by a fel-vship hour in the kindergarten room. er and over again members of the)up would grasp Pastor Kern's hand d say, "We are so thankful. Pastor sfay is wonderful, so much better in we had hoped or deserved. He *did* ally come!"

This conviction has grown in the hearts all during the few months that have lowed Pastor Posfay's arrival. With adiant, buoyant spirit of Christian love d energy he has visited his people, and s won their affection and esteem. They e not a large group—to date he has 0 names on his list. But they have any and peculiar problems. They have und it difficult to make a living in aracas. There have been many mixed arriages in the group, and on the part some an indifference to the church. ut graciously, tactfully and yet firmly, astor Posfay has been able to organize e Hungarian chapter of the multi-lingual Lutheran congregation in Caracas. Less than a month after his arrival the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection was formally organized with the Hungarian chapter included.

On New Year's Day 1953 Pastor Posfay confirmed two young men and six young women. This was a happy and impressive occasion.

The Hungarians worship each Sunday morning at 9. Their service is followed at 10 by the German, led by Dr. Falk. The Latvians led by Pastor Gulbis hold their service at 11:15. Pastor Posfay has Sunday school each Sunday. In addition to this he teaches religion in the *Pedagogico Esperanza,* the school conducted in connection with our Caracas work. He has a newly organized women's organization called *Lorantffy Zsuzanna* Society," named for the Hungarian Protestant wife of a 17th century ruler.

Following the service on Dec. 21, a Christmas party for Hungarian children

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT CARACAS
The people weren't disappointed

PASTOR KERN SPEAKS TO THE CONGREGATION
Pastor Posfay is at the altar

was given, with 35 children present to sing Hungarian hymns and to hear the story of Jesus' birth. Dr. Nyerges, president of the Hungarian Chapter, spoke and gift packages were distributed to all children. The same evening Pastor Posfay conducted services for Hungarians in Valencia, a nearby city. Twenty-four persons attended his service.

PASTOR POSFAY'S coming to Caracas proved a blessing not only to Hungarian Lutherans but also to the Swedish Colony. There are one hundred or more Swedish people here who have not had the ministry of the church. These are not refugees but business and professional people living here. Pastor Posfay received part of his theological education in Lund and Uppsala Universities in Sweden, spending three years in that country. He speaks Swedish very acceptably and the Swedish people have received him joyously.

By way of experiment an early Christmas morning service was planned espe cially for the Swedish Colony, with 6 present. Swedish hymns were sung an Pastor Posfay conducted the service After the service the Swedish Ambas sador to Venezuela, Count Stackelber and Countess Stackelberg, expressed thei deep appreciation for this service, sayin it was the first time in five years man of those present had been able to wor ship in their own tongue at Christma time. Since then a baptismal service wa arranged by Countess Stackelberg at the Embassy at which Pastor Posfay bap tized the infant son of the executive of ficer of the embassy. Monthly service in Swedish may be held during the com ing year.

Pastor Posfay holds monthly worshi services in Valencia, 100 miles from Caracas. He plans to spend time there for catechetical instruction. He will also be visiting other Venezuelan communi ties in order to carry on his ministry among these people.

SYMPATHY IS SHARING

By VIRGINIA VEEDER WESTERVELT

Even the weight of sorrow grows less when it is shared by understanding friends with faith in God's love

"WHAT CAN I SAY?" Emily thought as e parked in front of the Mansfield ouse one Sunday a few weeks after e funeral.

She felt so inadequate to help Fred nd Bernice—and guilty somehow, beuse her own children were so much ive, while their baby—it wasn't right r God to give anyone a child to love He was going to take it away again soon.

Of course Bernice and Fred had older ildren, but the baby had been such a arling: Frederick Sterling Mansfield.

EMILY GATHERED UP the garden flowrs she had brought. You could take owers to your friends, bake them akes, write them letters, but what good id it do when your prayers had been gnored? How futile it was, facing anther's grief, and not really being able o help.

"What can I say to them?" Emily kept sking herself as she rang the bell. "What *an* I say?"

As the door opened, Fred stood there vith an expression in his eyes that Emily couldn't analyze. Was it that he had ust taken off his glasses? She had always ppreciated Fred, admired his self assurnce. His students at the university were vell aware that Professor Mansfield was uick to recognize ability, impatient with low, unthinking minds; a man of purose, who knew exactly what was wrong vith a given situation, and what steps hould be taken to improve it.

He stood in the doorway now and smiled a little. "Come in," he said.

"I can't stay long," Emily answered. "I thought perhaps . . ."

He touched her arm. "Please come in. Bernice will be down in a minute. Let me take your coat. And the flowers?"

"Oh, yes. Thank you. They're just a few from the garden."

He laid them on the table in the hall. "Bernice will want to arrange them. Come into the living room."

IT WAS A PLEASANT ROOM. The sun slanting in through the white curtains made light squares on the rug. How could a home look so serene, the sun be so bright, when the world contained such tragedy and pain?

Emily's eyes filled with sudden tears. "It isn't *right* for the sun to shine so . . . so happily," she choked.

Fred did not answer for a minute. Then he said, "Thank you, Emily. I know how you meant it. But don't feel that way."

Footsteps sounded on the stairs, and Fred stood up. "We're in the living room, Bernice," he called.

Emily, too, got up to greet Bernice, and noticed she was wearing a soft, grey-blue dress.

"It's good of you to come, Emily, when you're so busy," Bernice said, sitting down beside Fred on the davenport. Her tone was steady, as natural as if this were an ordinary call, Emily thought. As if nothing had happened. "Whose

are those lovely flowers on the hall table?"

"Emily brought them," Fred said. "I thought you'd rather arrange them."

"How about putting them in water, though, for now?"

"Where'll I find a vase?"

"Top shelf, left-hand corner," Bernice smiled, as Fred left the room.

HOW CAN SHE SMILE? Emily thought. If my baby had died, I wouldn't stop weeping, I know I wouldn't. I couldn't face people, talk to them, be concerned about flowers or anything else.

"Bernice," she heard her own voice crying, "how *can* you smile?"

There was a brief silence, and then Bernice said, "Well, it's always amused me that men never know where to find anything in their own houses." And before Emily could reply, she went on quietly, "I know what you mean. But it wouldn't help Fred if I cried all the time. It wouldn't help me, either. I know."

"But what *does* help, Bernice? I tried to think on the way here what I could say or do that would be of any use, and the more I thought about the baby, the more terrible it seemed. Why did it have to happen? And to you and Fred, of all people. God must have made a mistake. You haven't done anything wrong. God can't be so cruel."

"GOD ISN'T CRUEL," Bernice answered quickly. "We don't know 'why,' now. Perhaps we shouldn't even ask. But we are very sure that God is good, not cruel, and that He doesn't make mistakes."

"But you prayed for the baby to live, didn't you? I know I did, those days he was in the hospital."

"Of course I prayed, Emily, all the time. But never just for the baby to live. 'If it be Thy will,' I said, over and over again."

"You mean you think God actually meant—"

"God can survey the whole pattern of our lives; we can't see beyond this moment. We must trust Him to know what is best. Who are we to question His decisions?"

Fred came in with the flowers, and put them on the piano. "I did the best I could," he said. "They're beautiful, aren't they, Bernice?"

"Beautiful," she echoed, and Emily realized she meant more than just the flowers.

"LIFE GOES ON," Bernice said simply. "We are really very lucky. We have the other children. Suppose little Fred had been our only child? Or suppose we'd never had any children at all? I'm sure there are many childless couples who would change places with us, even now. The O'Neills, for instance. Before Phil left college for Korea, he and Harriet came to see us. They both wanted a baby so badly. Phil was killed, Emily."

"I forgot to tell you, Bernice," Fred said, "Harriet came to see me about a month ago. She's very bitter, full of self-pity. I'm afraid I wasn't much help to her then."

Then Fred went on, as if he were repeating a lesson, "Children do grow up and go away. They aren't possessions to be guarded jealously. At best, they're loaned to us for a space of time. This baby was ours for only a little while, but we're grateful for that."

You don't believe that yet, Emily thought. But you will. In time, you will.

"And I wondered what *I* could do to help you," she said slowly.

"You have helped, Emily," Bernice answered. "All our friends have. Know-

; they grieved with us made us feel
s alone. Sorrow loses some of its
ight when you can share it with friends
o understand."

BERNICE'S EYES now were bright with
ars, but she smiled, as Fred reached
r her hand. His voice was husky, but
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he said, "You see, Emily, we're not
e only ones; this has happened to so
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ened, and we've been admitted into a
eat companionship of those every-
here who have known sorrow."

Emily couldn't speak for a minute;
en, "I think you're both . . . wonder-
l," she cried.

"No, we're not," Bernice denied. "But our religion wouldn't mean much if it couldn't sustain us in a crisis. We've always trusted God, and thanked Him for the good things He's given us; should we turn against Him when this time, this one time, He says 'No'?"

Fred walked to the window, and stood with his head bowed. Half of his face was in shadow, but the sun illumined the side nearest Emily. This was how it would be, always, she thought; shadows, and light. Then quietly, Fred turned, and spoke.

"I think I can help Harriet O'Neill now. I was impatient with her; I didn't fully understand. But if I can help her to see that there is no growth without suffering, no understanding, perhaps she will feel less sorry for herself."

"Who was it," Bernice asked softly, "who said, 'Only when the mantle of self has been torn away by grief, can we see clearly beyond ourselves and into the heart of another. Only then can we truly love, and truly serve.' "

THAT NIGHT Emily's prayer was short, but she knew God would understand all that she meant. "When sorrow comes to me," she prayed, "please help me to be Thy messenger, too."

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THE HOME is still the cradle of strength. Marriage was not meant to be a feeble reed which can be bent by every ill wind that blows out of the vast spaces of a disturbed world, but a rock that stands fast in the complexities of the human situation. The level of our morality will never rise above it. The strength of our nation will never excel it.

—ARNOLD H. LOWE in *When God Moves In*

ECONOMICS AND THE CROSS

By ROY L. SHORT

WE ARE SO accustomed to thinking of the death of Jesus in terms of theology that we almost completely lose sight of the economic causes which were at work.

In the days of Herod the Great, the Temple and its management had fallen into the hands of the Sadducees. Annas, Herod's father-in-law, had served as High Priest of the Temple for a legal term by buying his way into power through a huge bribe paid to the Romans. Coming into control of the Temple revenues, which may have amounted to as much as $20 million a year, he was in a position to pay further bribes to Caesar for official endorsement of his sons, and, in Jesus' day, his son-in-law, as High Priests.

THIS ARRANGEMENT was perfectly satisfactory to the Romans, for whoever sat on the High Priest's throne in Jerusalem was the heaviest single taxpayer in the empire, and it was desirable to have a friendly person in that position. No one could be allowed on the throne without the approval of Rome, and thus Annas was perpetuated in power, even though the Jews despised him.

It was a vicious arrangement. Annas supported the Romans, and the Romans supported Annas. It was a government "of the many, by the few, for the money."

When Jesus encouraged the people to believe they could bypass the Temple system in their approach to God, the whole financial system was imperilled, and Jesus became the object of the implacable hatred of the Temple hierarchy. When he cleansed the Temple of its grafters, in a blow at "the mess in Jer salem," he made lasting enemies w were never to be content until he h been removed.

The point usually overlooked in t story of the cleansing of the Temple that the entire Temple system was gra ridden. Jesus was not at war with chur suppers, or with charging admission concerts held in churches. He was i furiated at the callous way in which t house of Annas had prostituted ho things.

AS AN ILLUSTRATION of the corru Temple system, the law said that a po man coming to the Temple was to off a sacrifice of two pigeons. But Ann had "interpreted" the law to mean th only birds which were ceremonial clean could be offered, and only thos sold by Annas' concession in the Temp met that requirement. To buy "clea pigeons, only Jewish money was accep able, and this had to be obtained throug another concession operated by one Annas' sons, at a high rate of exchang By the time the poor peasant had pur chased the pigeons and offered his sac rifice, he had been robbed at least 60 per cent. In the name of God and re ligion!

Into the keeping of every Christia some sanctities have been entrusted. Th greater the power, the greater the respon sibility for preserving those sanctities.

The business of the church is the busi ness of God. To be careless in it is to b truant to the sanctities, and it will tak a great deal of praying to offset tha kind of sacrilege.

STRONG MINDS

I DID MY BEST to get out of having ise bring me home from the leader- training school. Feeling about her I do makes me very uncomfortable ut accepting favors from her all the e—and she does seem to be doing a d turn almost daily in my direction. t isn't that I dislike her. "It's just," I told Dan when I was trying to ex- in it to him, "that she rubs me the ng way all the time. She's so sure 's right about everything—and most the time she is, too. Then the way praises me whenever I do something fway right makes me feel she thinks a miracle I didn't mess things up."

Manlike, he doesn't see it. "Your im- nation's working overtime," he laughs. "My doodness, didums det um's lin's hurt?" Or something equally otic.

AND, OF COURSE, the way I feel is otic. I admit it and I wish I could over it. I've prayed about it and ught my heart was completely ansed of the pride and jealousy and entment that must be at the root of aversion. And the next time I see she'll make some crack about how nderfully her child does something, isn't it a shame Susie can't be like t—and there I am right back where I rted from, biting my tongue to keep m pointing out that pride is one of deadliest of the seven deadly sins.

"Why don't you?" Dan's always want- to know. "She speaks her mind ely. Why don't you say what's in your mind, too, instead of keeping it bottled up where it can keep on fermenting till someday you really blow your top?"

"Because I can't. Not to her. She'd be so surprised and affronted, and want to know just what I meant, and then try to justify herself or get insulted and refuse to speak, that I'd find myself on the defensive and say a whole lot more than I meant to say. No, I'll just have to bite my tongue and keep on asking the Lord to forgive me for being a hypocrite."

"LISTEN," DAN SAID, and this time he wasn't kidding, "were you ever afraid of something when you were a youngster? There was a bend in the stairs at my grandmother's house where they kept a figure of some medieval knight. It wasn't a life-size job—just about three feet high—but it stood on a pedestal that brought the face on a level with mine when I came up the stairs. In that dark corner it used to scare the living daylight out of me. For years I hurried past that spot whistling and pretending I wasn't scared even when I felt my heart was going to burst right through my blouse. Then one night I stopped right in front of that old statue and declared myself. 'Look,' I said, 'you've scared me for the last time. I'm through.' And I was. I still got uneasy for a while afterward but no more of that blind panic."

"So as a member of the church council whose duty it is to promote harmony among the members, you advise me to step up to Eloise and say, 'You've

patronized me for the last time. I'm through.' "

"Nothing of the kind!" Let a fellow finish, can't you? I'm no psychologist but if we're going to have this pet sin of yours dished up for family inspection every so often, I suppose I'll have to help you get it out of your system."

Before I understood what he said clearly enough to get angry about it, he went on: "I figure you're a pretty nice person who doesn't have many nasty unchristian feelings, and when you find one you can't dislodge with a few rebukes to yourself, and that keeps coming back in spite of your prayers, it scares you. That's why you magnify it out of all proportion. Yes, you do, honey, so just keep those lips of yours closed till you've heard the end of old Uncle Dan's bedtime story. The next time that feeling of being rubbed the wrong way comes over you, look it in the face and say, 'O.K. I'm having an unchristian feeling but I'm not afraid of it. Bigger sins are forgiven every day; I'm going to go right on acting as though it didn't exist!' "

By the time the words sank in, I didn't know whether to be angry or amused. Dan departed for his basement workshop before I could think of a proper reply, and when he came up again the children were around and there was no chance to pursue the subject.

So TONIGHT when the Ittels had to leave the leadership school early to go to another meeting and Eloise offered to bring me home I tried to dodge it by saying one of the women in the class lives right down the street from me, although she goes to another church. But with her usual determination to have her own way, Eloise insisted. As usual, I gave in.

I was a little late coming out of the church because I wanted to speak to the leader and she was involved in a di cussion with a couple of women wh thought they should have had credit f the course, even though they hadn't co pleted the assignments. It seems th they didn't see any value in taking t course for credit until their pastor point out that if they were to get "releas time" in their community it would lots easier if the church could assure t school board that there was a corps duly trained and accredited teache ready to put the time to good use.

The conversation grew a little length and I didn't know whether to fear or ho that Eloise had gone. She was waitin

"LOOKS AS THOUGH we're going close the church," she laughed. "Butto up your collar before we dash out int the cold. It's really breezy out there."

She slipped her arm through mine an we battled our way against the wind t the parking lot. "Well," she sighed a she slid the car into gear, "I'm reall sorry the classes are over. I've enjoye them more than I ever dreamed I would."

"So have I. I've learned a lot."

"I've learned a good many things, too and I've had to arrange some ideas i my own mind by taking part in the dis cussion. For instance, I was talkin about how we tried to get Joyce Mat thews (without mentioning names, o course) to come to church, and coul never budge her for anything but th social affairs. I think I've got a ne approach!"

And suddenly I didn't need any of th advice I'd driven Dan to handing out "Joyce will be a strong-minded woma if she's able to hold out against you," laughed.

"I'm pretty strong-minded myself," she laughed with me. "That's why Joyc and I hit it off so well."

ersonal Problem Clinic

mance with divorcee

QUESTION: My son, 22, is interested in a orcee who is the guilty party to the ak-up, and who is a number of years er than Alf. Her standing in the com- nity is not good, and various people ve raised a question about his going with . She is taking the initiative and he is eady follower.

His father and I have talked to Alf about s matter and have warned him against s woman. We have explained to him at the New Testament has to say about h an alliance. Thus far he has listened, d nothing, and has done as he pleased. ore recently we have had no opportunity talk to him.

Alf has a job more than 60 miles from me. Because of our opposition to his air with the divorcee he seldom comes me now. But I know he is still seeing the l frequently. He has told other people at he hates his home and his parents.

We are at a loss to know what to do.

REPLY: In calling Alf's attention to Matthew 5:31-32 you did him a kindness which apparently he does not appreciate. Repugnant as such an alliance may be it is not easy to do anything effective about it. Your son is of age and is free to do as he will, but if he is wise and thoughtful he will give your counsel serious consideration.

When a boy and a girl come to feel a strong devotion to one another it is practically impossible to do anything effective to stop the affair.

The fact that your son is some distance from home and has taken unkindly to your suggestions make it almost impossible for you now to make an acceptable approach. Here are several suggestions, however, which may be of help:

1) Could you have one or more persons, whom Alf would take seriously, approach him and talk over the dilemma with him with a view to making him think. As for you yourselves, you had better offer no further advice now.

2) Could someone place a copy of Van Keuren's *Christian Marriage* in his hands, or somewhere that it would catch his attention?

3) Pray for your son's guidance.

4) If, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, he marries the divorcee, your only choice will be to face about and help them make a success of the marriage. They'll need the help because they already have two strikes against them.

Extravagant

QUESTION: In my home we never had a great deal of money, and each one had to be careful even with pennies and nickels. My husband comes from a family which had a better income and a way of spending rather freely. Bob likes to spend with a free hand and accuses me of stinginess when I point to the budget and the need of saving money. He is extravagant, following the example of his parents. We are having too many conflicts about money.

REPLY: You are both viewing the pattern of your old homes as a model, as too many individuals do in the early days of their marriages. This is not a workable idea, as a rule. The usage of one home cannot advantageously be adopted by another without numerous alterations. One marriage partner should not be subjected arbitrarily to the other's prejudice.

You will best solve your problem if both of you come to the task without regarding your old home as the one proper plan. Make up a new budget, which provides for spending, giving, and saving in line with your income and needs. That will probably mean that each of you will have to compromise. Plan your financial affairs with a view to reasonable satisfactions over a long term, and revise your budget with changing needs.

—EARL S. RUDISILL

OVERSEAS

GERMANY: Berlin.—THE GENERAL impression here is that this year the East German Republic will attempt to restrict even more the effectiveness of the churches. Whether these hindrances will be in the form of isolated measures or whether they will be an over-all attempt to suppress the church is not yet known.

Some details, however, indicate that for the present isolated hindrances will be used. At the beginning of the year the printing licenses of the only two church youth magazines were revoked. These licenses were granted by the Russians in 1947 and OK'd later by the government. One of these publications is the Protestant monthly *Die Stafette,* with 50,000 circulation, which is read by hundreds of thousands of young people. The other is the Catholic magazine *Christophorus,* with 20,000 circulation. Both papers are irreplaceable.

Bringing in West German church papers is not allowed. At the same time, limitations have been placed on other publications of the church in the East Zone so that it is possible to speak of a decimation of church press and periodical endeavors. From the fundamental character of these measures it is unlikely that any negotiations concerning them would have any success.

FOR MONTHS THE *Junge Gemeinde*—the Protestant youth—has been subjected to countless difficulties and persecutions. There are probably hundreds of thousands of young people in the East Zone who are still wearing the confessional insignia of Protestant youth—the cross on the globe—in school, in the office, or in the factory. This is the same insignia which was to be seen at the great conferences at Hannover and Berlin.

It is impossible to describe what daily courage and faith this straightforward action calls for. There have been countless interferences in recent months: many young people's worship services in the churches were forbidden or watched by the secret police; attacks in the daily papers by leading politicians; surveillance and official registration; arrests; expulsion from schools and other institutions. All these things show that the state intends to take youth away from the church. In spite of all this hundreds of thousands regularly attend the *Junge Gemeinde* and more than two million young people attend religious education classes in East Germany.

THE SECOND *important* phenomenon at the turn of the year is the mass flight of farmers (*Bauern,* or peasants) from the area. It has become more and more apparent that agriculture is being altered to the Soviet *kolkhoz* system with great state farms and complete break-up of private ownership. It is already apparent that this will lead to the collapse of the food supply—indeed, to famine in the spring. To a great degree fields have not been cultivated—they were not even harvested in the fall. The churches will look after individuals whose homes and possessions are taken from them and who must enter the great state farms as laborers or who have no opening at all. All the churches are agreed on the reality of this emergency and the old cry of the great meetings of the EKD *"Rettet den Menschen!"* — "Save Mankind!" — will here be particularly appropriate.

More than ever the intercession and brotherly aid of world Christendom is needed not only by church leaders but by every individual Christian as well.

—E. Z. C.

ENNSYLVANIA:

ollege ICL Week Opens; ehr Resigns After 33

ALLENTOWN — Muhlenberg College's urth annual Institute of Christian Liv- g, held Feb. 9-12, had "Christian Lib- al Education" as its theme. This theme as chosen to bring into focus such im- ediate college problems as curriculum, lmission policy, and student-faculty re- onsibilities in the classroom and extra- rricular activities.

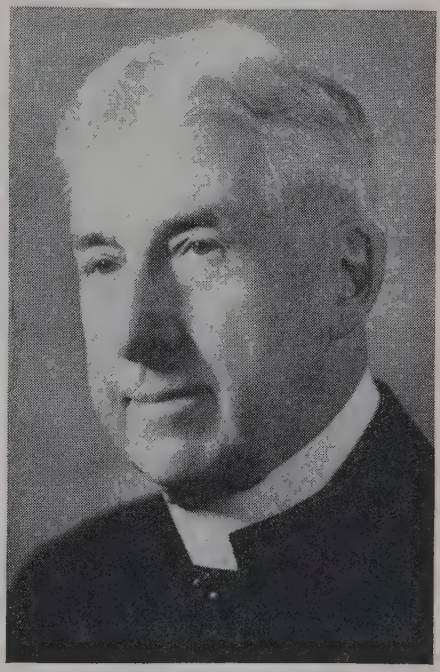
Main speaker for the institute (better own on the campus as I.C.L. Week) was r. Robert M. Perry, professor of religious ucation at New York University.

The chapel address was followed by after- on seminars conducted by students and culty men. In the evening, panel discus- ons were led by members of the board of ustees, administration, alumni, and Min- erium of Pennsylvania participating. Both e seminars and the panels followed the Christian Liberal Education" subject.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL rooms are soon to erected over the basement wing of Re- emer Church, Allentown, Pastor Richard offert says. Members of the congregation cently approved a $100,000 building oject to be started sometime in April. ith $15,000 already on hand, a special mpaign steering committee has been ap- inted to raise the remainder of the funds eeded during the next three years.

DR. G. FRANKLIN GEHR, pastor of Salem hurch (Bethlehem) for the past 33 years, bmitted his resignation recently. It is to effective March 1. Dr. Gehr became e seventh pastor of Bethlehem's first Lu- eran church in the spring of 1920.

Dr. Gehr was a member of the execu- e committee of the Luther League of merica, served on the board of directors Chicago Seminary for 20 years and was e of the 25 men largely responsible for e organization of the United Lutheran



DR. G. FRANKLIN GEHR
. . . thirty-three in Bethlehem

Church in 1918. Active in community work in Bethlehem during his entire pastorate, he was active in the work of the Family Welfare Association, the Community Chest and the Salvation Army.

"With thanks to Almighty God," Dr. Gehr told his congregation in submitting his resignation, "for all His mercies during these years of service, and with special gratitude to all of you for the many acts of mercy, personal love and devotion to Mrs. Gehr and myself and family, believe me to be your loving servant in Christ."

Commenting editorially, the Bethlehem *Globe-Times* said: ". . . Dr. Gehr richly deserves the rest and leisure which can be his when he has delivered his final sermon at Salem. It is our guess, however, that he will find his many community interests interfering frequently with present intentions of taking things easier.

HENRY W. SNYDER, JR.

VIRGINIA:

Efird Named "Man of the Year" in Roanoke

ROANOKE—The invitation that arrived on the desk of Pastor Frank Efird (Christ Church, Roanoke) late in December had said simply and to the point: "We'd like you to offer the invocation at the annual banquet of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce the night of January 17."

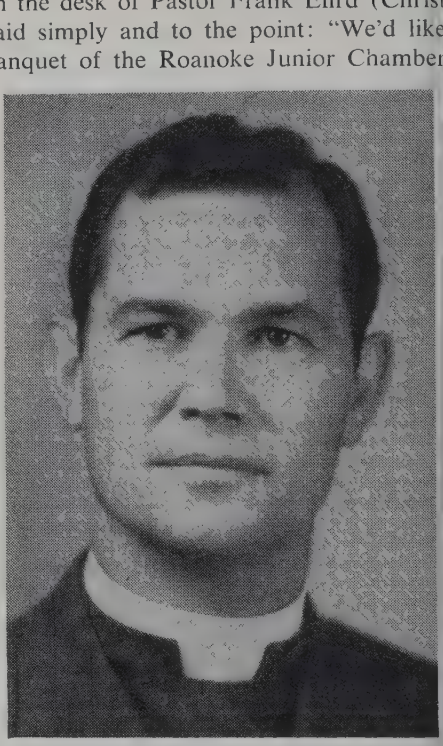
After consulting his calendar, Pastor Efird replied he'd be happy to do so.

The evening of Jan. 17 arrived. Together with his wife, the clergyman was escorted to the speaker's table where he offered the invocation as requested. An hour later, though, he was the most surprised individual in the huge ballroom as Jaycee leaders nominated him "Roanoke's Man of the Year in 1952."

Carl Andrews, editor of the Roanoke *World-News* and chairman of the committee who selected the Lutheran clergyman for the award, made the presentation.

Pastor Efird, secretary of the Roanoke Conference of Virginia Synod, editor of the *Virginia Lutheran,* advisor to the synodical Luther League, member of the synod's home missions committee, and Virginia correspondent of THE LUTHERAN, has been active in community affairs. He has served as president of the Roanoke Ministers' Conference, is vice chairman of the Roanoke chapter of the American Red Cross, vice president of the Children's Home Society of Southwest Virginia, a member of the board and chairman of training of the Roanoke Area, Boy Scouts of America.

He is the second Lutheran to receive the Jaycee award, having been preceded by former Roanoke Mayor Richard T. Edwards, a member of St. Mark's Church.



REV. FRANK K. EFIRD
. . . Roanoke's Man of the Year

R. T. S.

WEST VIRGINIA:

Fairmont Church Names Woman to Council

FAIRMONT—Members of Grace Church, Fairmont, made history late last month when, for the first time, they named a woman to the church council. After amending the congregational constitution to allow for the change, Mrs. Bess Norman was elected along with Laymen J. W. Havlichek, Jr. and Ralph Keener. A number of women who were nominated declined on personal grounds. At the same congregational meeting plans were projected for the fiftieth anniversary to be held next year.

BY MID-DECEMBER West Virginia synodical stewardship and benevolence chairman, Oscar H. Lindow, had received congratulations from LWA Director Frank M. Brown on being "the fifth

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nod of the ULCA to go over (104.2 r cent) the LWA quota goal before e end of 1952." Synodical Treasurer . L. Shelhamer reports that the synod s exceeded its 1952 quota for ULCA nevolence also.

GRACE CHURCH, the eight-month-old mis- n at St. Albans, has had a red letter nth. The first Sunday of the new year e congregation dedicated its house chapel a newly acquired (33,000 sq. ft.) lot. n. 11 "open house" was held for the ople of the community to see the chapel d learn more about Lutheranism. On n. 18, the Rev. Paul O. Hamsher was stalled as its first pastor.

THE SERVICE for hospital nurses and staff embers at Camden-Clark Hospital, Park- sburg, held early Sunday mornings, for e start of which Pastor Wade H. Koons largely responsible, continues to be con- cted by various Protestant clergymen of at city. Recently Miss Georgia Hoch- rasser, an alumna of the hospital's school nursing and a member of the First hurch, presented 36 Christian Youth ymnals for use in the chapel.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, Clarksburg, has the nor of making the first contribution to e proposed Lutheran student center at est Virginia University. Members of the nodical committee on the raising of the 50,000 fund for the center met last month ith Wittenberg President Clarence C. oughton to lay plans for the appeal.

MEMBERS of St. Paul's, Grafton, and oly Trinity, Newburg, expressed their ap- eciation of the long pastorate of the EV. E. F. K. ROOF by the presentation of number of gifts before he left for North arolina to become the pastor of the Silver alley-Lebanon parish. The congregation Newburg had moved into a newly pur- ased church building during his pastorate.

MT. CALVARY CHURCH, Westport, Md., cently dedicated a $10,000 building proj- t consisting of classrooms for Sunday hool and a new kitchen.

HAROLD L. HANN

MOMENTUM

story of the week

TWO MONTHS AGO, members of Messiah Church, South Williamsport, Pa., decided that as a fitting 85th birthday present they'd give themselves a new $150,000 Christian Education Building.

Under the leadership of Pastor Raymond Shaheen and General Chairman M. R. Denius, men and women, boys and girls busied themselves about the job of trying to raise the funds. Deadline for the pledging was set for Sunday, Jan. 11.

Down the "home stretch" the campaign thundered. Although a few pessimists had expected that trying to raise $150,000 before a spadeful of soil had even been turned was next to impossible, committee members wanted to turn cartwheels when it was discovered that "it's going to be nip and tuck . . . we may make it!"

Saturday night before the Big Day, Chairman Denius told Pastor Shaheen:

"We're $3,700 short of the goal!"

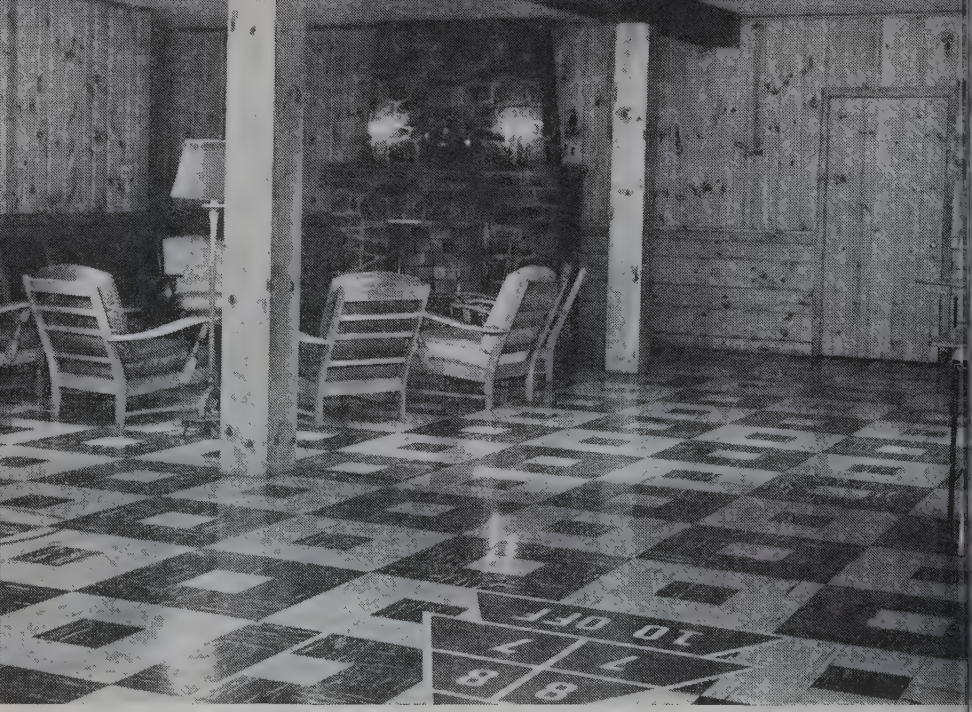
SEVEN HUNDRED came in by Sunday school time next morning. An announcement was made to the membership: "We have one hour to raise $3,000. Mr. Spotts (vice chairman of the drive) will be at the desk in the church office if anyone wants to give a little more!"

A steady line formed at once. Some said they wanted to double their pledge; others, "make it five times our original subscription." One couple increased their first gift 10 times! Meanwhile, committee members were scattering to telephones. One more try!

Tension mounted by the moment. Five minutes remained before church time. Then the adding machine started its final tally.

The choir was already processing when Mr. Spotts handed the pastor and Mr. Denius the asterisked-grand-total slip.

The worshiping congregation could scarcely wait for Mr. Denius' announcement: "We topped our $150,000 goal by $1,500!" —DICK SUTCLIFFE



SOCIAL AND FELLOWSHIP ROOM at Christ Second Church, Altoona, Pa., is one of recen improvements dedicated by Pastor James M. Singer. Auxiliaries virtually vie with each othe for opportunity to hold business and social meetings here in front of large open hearth

NEW YORK:

Knull Ordained Jan. 25; Jamaica Church Dedicated

LONG ISLAND—In the only midyear ordination service of New York Synod, Stanley Knull was ordained in Good Shepherd Church, Bayside West, Jan. 25. The Rev. William T. Heil preached the sermon and Dr. Frederick R. Knubel performed the act of ordination. Pastor Knull has accepted a call to Reformation Church, New Britain, Conn.

OUR SAVIOUR CHURCH, Jamaica, dedicated its new church Feb. 8. Pastor J. Victor Benson preached the sermon and the Rev. Fred McLaughlin, conference president, performed the act of dedication. It was not by choice that the congregation originally set out to erect this building. It was a hard blow when the city condemned the buildin in which they were worshiping. In th midst of a difficult and changing community the response of this congregation of les than 300 confirmed members was to brea ground 10 months ago for a church tha will cost approximately $90,000 when com pleted.

LONG ISLAND District Luther League have been sponsoring a project at Tribor Hospital. At Protestant services which ar held Sunday afternoons for the patients the Leaguers supply the music by securin organists and choirs in the district to lea in the worship and render anthems.

LONG ISLAND has acquired two new pas tors from Pennsylvania. THE REV. JOHN BELLAN has accepted a call to Incarnatio Church, Jamaica, and the REV. CHARLE MOSER has assumed the pastorate of St John's Church, Merrick.

RICHARD H. WEISKOTTEN

NNSYLVANIA:

ormer Pastors Honored in Chapel Dedication

JOHNSTOWN—In connection with the rededication and 80th anniversary of Christ cond Church, Altoona, the Chapel of the Good Shepherd was formally dedicated the memory of the 10 pastors who have served the congregation. Present and th pastor is the Rev. James M. Singer. The Rev. Clarence H. Hershey, ninth stor of the church from 1931 to 1948, preached the dedicatory sermon.

THIRTY-TWO CHURCHES in the Johnsvn area are now members of the Reious Film Co-operative. Formed in 46 through efforts of Lutheran urches, the co-operative now has filmips and slides worth nearly $4,000. ember churches pay $10 a year each the budget and can use the films and des rent-free. The Rev. Russell T. illing of Davidsville was re-elected sident of the co-op for 1953.

The novel co-operative is believed to be only one of its kind in this section of country. It makes available to members wide variety of teaching and training ns. The co-op does not supply motion tures. Films are booked through the ce of Moxham Lutheran Church.

CAMP SEQUANOTA Director Roderic N. ft has announced camp dates as folvs: Intermediate Girls, June 29-July 6; nior Girls, July 6-July 13; Senior Girls, y 13-July 25; Junior Boys, July 27-Aug. Intermediate Boys, Aug. 3-Aug. 10; and Senior Boys, Aug. 10-Aug. 17.

New offices have been created by the Camp Advisory Committee. The Rev. Robert G. Sander has been named director of publicity. Paid assistant camp directors will be named later. A goal of 800 campers has been set for the 1953 season.

SPECIAL SERVICES were held in Allegheny area churches for the new president, for the nation and world peace on and before the inauguration.

THE REV. MAURICE M. SMEAL, pastor of the Scalp Level pastoral charge and president of the Somerset-Cambria District, resigned Jan. 1 to become pastor of First Church, Ridgeway.

AUGSBURG COLLEGE CHOIR gave a concert in Trinity Church, Bedford, on Feb. 7.

THE ANNUAL Missionary Rally of Johnstown District Luther League was held in Jerome Church Jan. 26. Peg McFalls of Altoona, missionary secretary of the Luther League of America, was speaker.

ROBERT G. SANDER

HAPEL of the Good Shepherd, recently dedicated by members of Christ Second Church, oona, Pa., and Pastor James M. Singer. Chapel honors 10 former pastors of the congregation

MORTGAGE-BURNING. New Jersey Syno President Edwin Knudten, Layman Clarenc Scott, Mortgage Fund committee chairman and Pastor Edwin Wisser of St. John's Church Westville, participate in mortgage-burnin ceremony that cleared last indebtedness

NEW JERSEY:

ULC Apportionment: 94.3; LWA: 91.7 is Jersey Report

TRENTON—New Jersey Synod churches paid 94.3 per cent of ULCA 1952 apportionment. Synodical Treasurer H. Torrey Walker says Central Conference led the other two conferences by contributing 102.1 per cent of the income for ULCA and synodical purposes.

Lutheran World Action gifts totaled 91.7 per cent of the $15,270 quota while $13,198 was collected for the CHEY appeal and $8,452 was contributed to other unapportioned benevolences.

The annual church councilmen's dinner will be held Feb. 13 in Bethel Church, Trenton, at 6:30 P.M. Speaker will be Richard T. Sutcliffe, assistant editor of "The Lutheran" and Central Pennsylvania Synod layman. Church councilmen from all churches of synod have been invited.

CHARLES BURKINS of Baltimore, Md., and WALTER WREDE of Ridgefield Park were ordained by synodical President Edwin H. Knudten in Trinity Church, Trenton, Jan. 25. The candidates were presented by Synod Secretary C. Donald Heft.

Mr. Burkins began his ministry at Christ Church, Trenton, Feb. 1, and Mr. Wrede will complete his theological training at Mt. Airy and become pastor of Holy Trinity, Magnolia, later this month.

PASTORS of Central Conference joined i a Pre-Lenten Retreat at Zion, Cartare Feb. 9. LUTHERAN Associate Editor Albe P. Stauderman preached.

An appeal for $3,600 to build all th "steeples" for the new chapels in Britis Guiana in 1953 is being made by the Fo eign Missions Committee. Chairman Charl Rinck, Jr., feels the goal can be achieve if every congregation doubles the curren appeal. Last year over $1,800 was co tributed through the Sunday schools an organizations.

EXCHANGE OF PULPITS in the Hudso County Pastoral Association on Sexagesim Sunday is being tried by 14 congregatio as a prelude to the Lenten season.

OUR SAVIOUR CHURCH, Haddonfield, conducting a daily nursery school unde the direction of Sister Bessie Engstrom This is the first form of parochial educatio being tried by a ULCA church in the stat

The Kolarvic family brought to Palmyr N. J., from a displaced persons camp Austria, October 1951, showed their pe sonal gratitude to Pastor George T. Mill and members of Bethany, by the presenta tion of a complete set of violet paramen including altar frontal, pulpit hangin bookmarks, and a stole for the pastor.

FINAL PAYMENT of the parsonage mor gage at ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Linden, wa added joy as 1952 records were closed wit apportioned benevolences oversubscribed.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, Camden, has a ne tower music system and a new fair line presented as memorials.

OVER THREE TONS of clothing was gath ered by six churches in Northern Berge County for overseas relief in a recent cam paign according to Pastor J. Russell Ha of Redeemer Church, Ramsey.

DEDICATION of the Kienle-Schumach Cottage at the Lutheran Home in Moore

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own, Jan. 4, marked a forward method in roviding for older couples. The self-con-ained and self-maintained arrangement per-nits couples to enjoy the use of a duplex ottage.

Dedicatory ceremonies were conducted y Dr. Stewart H. Rudisill, president of the oard. The donors of the cottage, Mr. and Irs. Charles Kienle, Ocean City, and Mr. nd Mrs. John Schumacher, Vineland, were resented by Pastor-Superintendent Ralph I. hockey. RALPH I. SHOCKEY

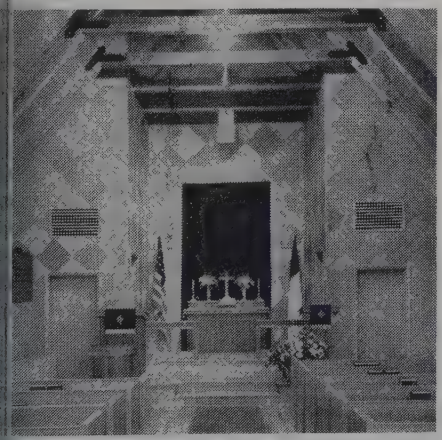
WASHINGTON-OREGON:

Oregon Church Dedicated; Luther League Organized

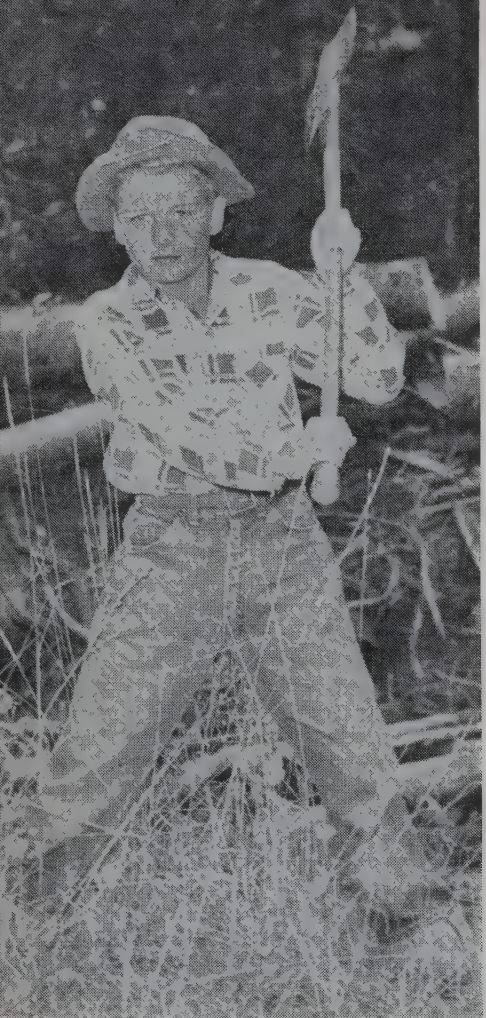
MEMBERS OF Emmanuel Church, Villamina, Ore., gave a total of 850 man ours of work to aid the contractor and is crew in building a very beautiful hurch edifice (*see cuts below*). The ssociated Plywood Industry, the main dustry of the little community, donated ll of the plywood used in the construc-on of the new church, including the aneling in the interior. The diamond-haped pattern used in the wall of the chancel has never been used before in any church structure in the Pacific Northwest. Dedication services were held Nov. 30. The Rev. Warren W. Pechman is pastor.

HISTORIC ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Portland, scene of many events in the 50-year history of synod, added another significant event to its history when the young people of the synod met within its sanctuary to organize *The Luther League of the Pacific Synod.* Up to this time synod's youth have been organized into two separate district Leagues, the Columbia Conference and the Northwest District. Although there was fellowship between the two groups, no official synod-wide organization had ever existed. MISS MARIAN HAGENSEN of Portland was elected the first president of the organization. Miss Claudia Benedict, of Seattle, Wash., will serve as the first secretary, while Bob Winkel of Seattle will serve as treasurer. Presidents of the two districts will serve as vice presidents—Rusty Carter, of Portland, heads the Columbia District; Barbara Tinholt, of Seattle, the Northwest District.

IDAHO'S CAPITAL CITY, Boise, has its first full-time United Lutheran pastor in the person of the Rev. H. Edward Hamme, in-



50 MAN HOURS of volunteer labor were contributed by members of Emmanuel Church, Villamina, Wash., in the construction of this building. Local plywood firm donated all plywood ed including the paneling in the chancel (see left). Diamond-shaped pattern has never been ed in any structure in Pacific Northwest is the claim advanced by the builder



AX-WIELDER Charles Johnson, of Good Shepherd Church, Pocatello, Idaho, practices the art of cutting wood in preparation for Bible camp at Lake Alturas this summer. Young people will take work clothes and Bibles, so they can "work and study" during their stay on the 11-acre tract (see Washington-Oregon news)

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stalled at Redeemer Church Dec. 14 by Synod President L. H. Steinhoff. Pastor Hamme comes to Boise from Honolulu.

THE ANNUAL Pre-Lenten Retreat will be held at Menucha, secluded retreat grounds located on the upper Columbia River gorge some 20 miles west of Portland, Ore. The Rev. H. G. Randolph, chaplain of Emmanuel Hospital in Portland, and Dr. Paul Dieckman, president of Midland College, are to be guest speakers.

CONGREGATIONS were reminded this month that "CHEY was not finished yet as far as the Pacific Synod is concerned." President Steinhoff in a special report told congregation leaders that every church in the synod must make a "most stupendous effort to reach its quota and go way beyond it!" before the matter could be considered closed. At last report the synod had just barely reached its basic quota of $26,500 for CHEY. It had promised to raise at least $30,000.

THE SYNODICAL Brotherhood is busy pushing three very important projects, including the sponsorship of a Home Mission Loan Fund for temporary loans to missions pending long-term Board of American Mission's financing, two Laymen Retreats to be held in each of the synodical conferences in February, and an evangelism campaign.

WHEN THE THOUSANDS of ULC young people head for the great out-of-doors next summer they will for the most part find those camps well equipped, ready to accommodate them with a minimum amount of adjustment.

Not so for the Lutheran youth of the Intermountain area. These youngsters will take their work clothes with them as well as their Bibles, for it's going to be a mixture of work and play at Lake Alturas Bible Camp as it opens up for the first time this summer.

The camp, 40 miles north of Sun Valley in the Sawtooth National Forest, is being developed by National Lutheran Council congregations in Utah and southeastern Idaho. Plans are to develop the 11-acre tract of land that was given by the National Forest Service, through a series of work camps. A camp development association will be organized sometime soon to raise funds for the project.

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Mortgage Burned Jan. 11; ornerstone Dedicated

CHICAGO—Three building projects in) years—that's the story at Edgebrook hurch, Chicago! On Jan. 11 members elebrated the burning of the mortgage the church built in 1943 at a cost of 0,000. Also burned (*see cut*) was the ortgage of the parsonage constructed in 46 at the cost of $30,000. At the same rvice the cornerstone of the new 60,000 church was dedicated.

The new construction now under way will ovide for the doubling of the seating in e sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and the dition of a study, office, parlor, cloak- om, stage, and Sunday school facilities.

The congregation, established as an Amer- an Board mission in 1940 with 54 charter embers, now numbers over 800 baptized d 600 confirmed members. The growth flects the strategic placing of a mission in rapidly growing metropolitan section.

Edgebrook Church became known when was used as the location for the Lay- en's Movement filmstrip *Teamwork*.

AUDIO-VISUAL SEMINARS for pastors, achers and church workers were held at ayfair Church Jan. 27 and Messiah hurch Jan. 28 under the sponsorship of e Lutheran Council of Greater Chicago. The effective use of visual aids in parish lucation" was discussed by Dr. H. J. oettcher, executive secretary of the Lutheran High School Association. The use of films and filmstrips in Lenten services was also presented.

> The Lutheran Council of Greater Chicago has organized a Radio and Television Committee for the purpose of instigating broadcasts in both media. The Rev. Clyde G. Steele is chairman of the group and the Rev. Clifford Dahlin, secretary. Representatives from all the Lutheran bodies in the city are co-operating in this new venture. Present plans call for the working out of a 13-week telecasting schedule on purchased time, and radio on released time.

A SERIES of six fellowship dinner meetings with guest speakers discussing the theme, "Christ and Your Work," is being conducted by the Lutheran Young Adult Fellowship of downtown Chicago. Meetings are held at the Central YMCA, 19 S. LaSalle. Dr. Joseph Sittler, professor at Chicago Seminary, Maywood, addressed the first meeting Feb. 2. The meetings are arranged primarily for young business and professional people.

Speakers, representing a variety of vocations, will discuss the need of applying Christian principles to one's everyday living and occupation. Among these speakers will be the following: Feb. 23, Miss Karen Andersen, teacher and author, 4239 N. Kedvale; March 9, the Rev. Granger Westberg, pastoral counsellor, University of Chicago Clinic; April 13, Elmer E. Abrahamson, attorney, 3808 N. Kildare; May 11, Dr. George Milles, pathologist, Augustana Hospital, and June 28, the Rev. Carl Wilhelmson, Racine, Wisconsin.

ASTOR Louis H. Valbracht, sisted by members of Edge- ook Church, Chicago, Ill., urns church and parsonage ortgage and dedicates cor- erstone at triple ceremony anuary 11 (see Illinois news)

ILLINOIS . . .

ASCENSION CHURCH, Chicago, dedicated its new $65,000 parish building and parsonage Jan. 18 with Synod President Harmon J. McGuire as speaker. The new addition contains rooms for Sunday school and a seven-room parsonage. The building of the addition became necessary when the Sunday school doubled in enrollment and attendance and there was no room for pupils in the classrooms.

MISS RUTH BRINKMAN of Sea Girt, N. J., was installed director of education of North Austin Church on Jan. 11 by Pastor Marcus F. Otterbein. Miss Brinkman will work largely in the field of youth work with particular attention to weekday Christian instructions. Before coming to North Austin, Miss Brinkman taught school in Asbury Park, N. J. She is a graduate of Gettysburg.

AN UNUSUAL GIFT was under the Christmas tree for Pastor and Mrs. William E. Kmet of Good Shepherd Church, Oak Park. The congregation presented the pastor with a "silent partner" in the ministry of the church in the form of a 1953 Plymouth. Presentation was made by Mr. Robert Burton and Dr. A. M. Knudsen.

GETHSEMANE CHURCH, Cicero, celebrated its fortieth anniversary during December. Pastor William A. Kiser started the congregation in 1912 and has served as pastor for the 40 years. CLYDE G. STEELE

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Anderson Appointed 1953 LWA Director

COLUMBUS—The Rev. Anton L. Anderson, pastor of Grace Church, Springfield, has been appointed Lutheran World Action director for synod during 1953. He succeeds the Rev. John G. Gensel who recently completed four years of service at the same post. Pastor Gensel reported that synod exceeded its LWA quota by nearly $10,000.

THE SPRINGFIELD Inner Mission has a new family caseworker, Miss Jane Myers, formerly acting home service director of the Dayton Red Cross . . . PASTOR CHALMER E. MOORE has been providing interim leadership for the Springfield inner mission program during a four months' leave of absence of Dr. Fred W. Heins doing work in TV education at Syracuse University . . . HAMMA SEMINARIAN CHARLES W. STRAUSSER is visiting homes for the aged and shut-ins in

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reene and Clinton counties as an extension the Mad River society program.

A Lutheran attack on the population problems created by the Pike County Atomic Energy plant will be made through Calvary Church, Chillicothe, located 25 miles north. The Board of American Missions will send a parish worker to supplement the congregation's activity, the parish providing living quarters, a car for transportation to be provided through friends in the synod. Here an area of synod, considered almost hopeless, suddenly finds itself invaded by thousands of people.

BUILDING PROGRAMS are underway at ETHANY and TRINITY, Cleveland; Rosewn, Cincinnati; St. John's, Gebhart, Iiamisburg.

Congregations considering building and n planning or fund-raising stages are Grace, Dover; First, Mansfield; St. Luke's, Lima; First, Miamisburg; Zion, Youngstown; Emmanuel's, Germantown; St. Mark's, Van Wert; and Christ, Carey.

MEMBERS OF Bluffton Church have been enjoying a new organ since Jan. 4 when it was dedicated by Synod President Miley.

PASTORAL CHANGES: Dr. Jussen L. Urich resigned Dec. 26 from Emmanuel, Elyria, which he has served since 1934 . . . WESLEY J. RUNK became pastor of St. Luke's, Toledo, Jan. 1, after 20 years' service at Third Protestant Memorial Church, Cincinnati . . . WILHO PAANANEN came to the St. Paris parish Dec. 1 after service at Sault Ste. Marie in the Canada Synod . . . RONALD D. HOMRIGHAUSEN accepted a call to the Middle Point parish Jan. 15. He has been in Liberia since 1945 but because of family health will remain in Ohio . . . WARNER W. HOLMGREN, since 1947 pastor

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63,384 CONTACTS were made by the institutional department of the Miami Valley Inner Mission League in 1952 . . . AN ENLARGING PROGRAM at Dayton called for a shifting of titles and Pastor Forrest R. Stoneburner is now "executive director" and Paul C. Price of Auburn, Springfield, is "superintendent" of Bethany Village. Construction is underway on the $370,000 home for the aged . . . JANE REED, office manager for 12 years, will leave inner mission work Feb. 15.

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$40,000 Parish Hall Dedicated January 18

BALTIMORE—Trinity Church, Reisterstown, dedicated its $40,000 parish hall Jan. 18. This colonial-design structure formerly used as a parsonage, has been rebuilt and modernized to provide adequate facilities for all religious education programs of the parish. A cloister along colonial lines has been built joining the church with the parish house. A chapel occupies the front portion of the parish house and seats 50 people. Furnishings in the chapel were placed at a cost of $1,900 and were dedicated "to the glory of God in honor of Pastor W. Harold Redcay in recognition of his fruitful 29-year pastorate."

An interesting venture in the fellowship of labor characterized the completion of this building program during the past six months and saved the congregation more than $5,000 in labor costs. Labor was contributed two and three nights a week by men of the congregation under the direction of George Garman, president of Trinity Brotherhood. The completion of the new parish house was marked by appropriate dedicatory services in which Synod President Fife and Synodical Director of Religious Education Reiszz participated.

The new parish hall and the renovated parsonage building program completed two years ago represent an outlay of more than $70,000.

THE REV. ELMAR PAHN has resigned as pastor to the Estonian Lutherans of Baltimore to accept a call to a similar ministry in Buffalo, N. Y.

THE REV. UNO PLANK has been called as itinerant missionary to the Estonians of Baltimore.

THE REV. FRANCIS REINBERGER, professor of practical theology at Gettysburg Seminary, was speaker at the annual meeting of Friends of Gettysburg Seminary Balti-

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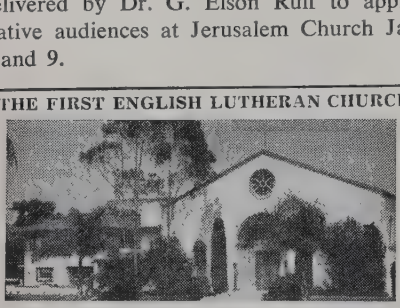

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A BALTIMORE Lutheran Service Center will be opened at 508 Park Avenue in February.

THE SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE and Chairman I. Wilson Kepner have extensive plans for the synodical preaching mission workshop to be held in Frederick April 15.

DR. FRANKLIN L. KELLER, called by the Board of Foreign Missions to medical and evangelistic work in Liberia, will be ordained in St. John's, Pimlico, March 1.

THE MARYLAND SYNOD Lenten Retreat will be held Feb. 9 in Frederick and will include Pastors Augustus Hackmann, William C. Huddle and H. Luther Rhodes as program speakers.

FORMER PASTOR H. LUTHER RHODES and DR. LAWRENCE D. FOLKEMER were speakers at the 50th anniversary service of Church of Our Saviour.

MEMORIAL ALTAR TAPERS have been presented to Grace Church by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz.

MESSIAH CHURCH, Woodbine, will rededicate its renovated sanctuary Feb. 15.

TRINITY CONGREGATION observed the 20th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Philip S. Baringer Feb. 1. LLOYD M. KELLER

WISCONSIN:

50-50 Stewardship Is Luther League Trial

MADISON—The new financial plan of Wisconsin State Luther Leaguers is "50-50 Stewardship." The idea is being tested between now and the 1953 conventions by local and district leagues.

The plan calls for local Luther Leagues to retain 50 per cent of their offerings for the local program, sending the other 50 per cent on to state league offices. In turn, the state will retain 50 per cent of its offerings from the local leagues, remitting the other 50 per cent to the synodical offices. This latter sum will be divided on the synodical level: about 70 per cent being considered Luther League

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f America apportionment, about 30 per ent for the mission fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS in synod have deter- ined to make the Epiphany Appeal result at least one $5,000 chapel for British uiana! The offering may exceed this goal -for a record! (Synod also underwrites nnually 24 unit-shares of foreign mission pport, totaling close to $15,000.)

NOT ALL WISCONSIN Lutherans have been for" Senator Joseph McCarthy, but they ouldn't help give the Senator a hand when e appointed as page boy an orphan lad om the Lutheran Home at Stoughton.

THE REV. LUTHARD O. GJERDE, executive irector of Lutheran Welfare Society of Visconsin since 1948, has resigned his post o take a similar position in Minnesota.

Pastor Frederick R. Ludwig, who comes to Lake Park, Milwaukee, April 1 to succeed Dr. John F. Fedders, has a record of which few pastors can boast. More persons belonged to his rural Postville, Iowa, church than there were citizens in the town itself. Milwaukee pastors dare him to try duplicating this record in Milwaukee!

OUR SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, Fond du Lac, as joined a number of churches holding wo sessions of Sunday school each week . . EPIPHANY, Milwaukee, adds a second orship service.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Oshkosh, really howed the missionary spirit at Christmas y sending 277 individual packages for the oys and girls of British Guiana.

PASTORS have been asked to look through heir music libraries for unused anthems, ot too difficult, that can be sent to British Guiana. They will be asked to bring their undles to synod meeting in Minneapolis.

HAMMA PROF. E. E. FLACK will be the ey speaker at the Pre-Lenten Retreat to be eld Feb. 9 at Elkhorn. DR. P. H. ROTH, Minneapolis, will preach the sermon.

REFORMATION CHURCH, Milwaukee, has a ew parsonage.

A LUTHER LEAGUE Workers' Conference overing the entire state was to be held an. 30 to Feb. 1 at Luther Memorial, Madison. Among the subjects to be discussed are: 50-50 giving in the leagues; caravanning; mechanics of group Bible study; mechanics of Luther League topics and devotions; how to conduct recreation; promotion of national convention. Some meetings will be held at the Lutheran Student Center.

TO HELP young missions qualify sooner for Church Extension Aid from the Board of American Missions, synod authorized the reactivation of home mission sponsors. To date over $1,700 has been received. Objective is $5,000 a year.

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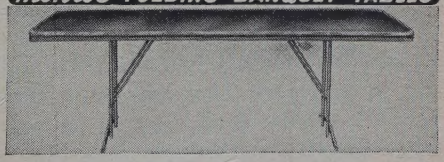
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IF YOU WANT to keep your mind on your work, it's best to stay at home. I've been climbing aboard trains and planes so much this last month that I haven't had time to meditate on the structural reorganization of the United Lutheran Church or the moral implications of the Eisenhower-Dulles foreign policy. What comes to mind when I close my eyes is the impossibly blue beauty of Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Nevada or ice-covered Lake Michigan in moonlight.

There are people, too, who talk as they travel: Senator Pat McCarran sitting across the club car telling someone that "they want to let all the riffraff in this country" and a ranchman in eastern Wyoming who said he's never going back to Scranton, Pennsylvania. But the silences I remember best: in Boulder Canyon, Colorado, or the redwood forest on the Pacific Coast. And bright flowers along streets of California and Carolina.

YOU CAN'T MAKE a self-respecting editorial out of mountains and moonlight. The proper thing is to stay at home and read the newspapers and talk incessantly with church officials. I did converse with one who had been on a momentous official errand—Dr. Paul Anspach—as he reached San Francisco after his tour of the new mission field in Malaya.

Chances for work in the "new villages" over there, which we have talked about a lot, are "not unusual," Dr. Anspach said. But in Singapore there are many immigrants from the Batak Church in Indonesia attending services conducted by a volunteer layman. And in such a city as Kuala Lumpur there are many from the Andhra and Tamil churches of India who are in urgent need of pastors.

I was startled, in attending the California Synod convention, to see how much bigger it is than when I attended the convention in 1948. (In a decade it grew from 9,487 members in 38 congregations to 38,100 in 83.) In a few years this synod is trying to do what others have accomplished in 50 years—establish a theological seminary, maintain hospitals and a home for old people, build a youth camp.

There are splendid people—pastors and laymen—busy in the work of the churches all across the continent. They are alert, intelligent, faithful. One gets that encouraging impression quite strongly by dropping in at random at half a dozen widely separated centers.

BUT FOR ONE who struggles through the five o'clock traffic almost every day of every week, it's the lonely mountain peaks that echo in the memory, and the catalog of the great American rivers—ice in the upper Mississippi, sunlight flooding the Sacramento, the solemn Potomac where Jefferson and Lincoln brood over it. Snowdrifts above the Donner Pass and the gleaming surface of Salt Lake.

It would be splendid to have nothing to do but rehearse the splendors of the American continent, as Walt Whitman or Thomas Wolfe. And there are countless verses from the Psalms to add in explaining the beauty of the earth as a reflection of the eternal splendor. The trouble is, we know too much now about atomic bombs and the men who make them. There's no telling when the five o'clock traffic will be suddenly halted and even the mountain peaks shattered. It's strange how we humans try so hard to get ourselves exiled from Paradise.

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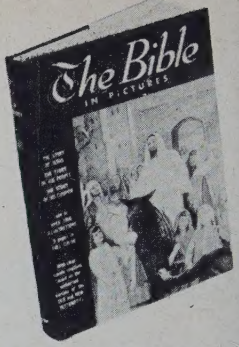

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